



Children's Social Care Monthly Performance & Quality Assurance Report

Quarter 1 2018/19

Children and Young People Scrutiny

Key Performance Indicators

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

Where we are performing well

94.2% of contacts were completed within 24 working hours and 0.5% within 72 hours. The amount of contacts have increase by 290 when compared to Quarter 1 2017/18 which equates to an increase by 19.5% of contacts. This shows that, despite the increase in workloads, the children and young people still receive services quickly and the work flow through the system is efficient.

32 out of 34 children (94.1%) who had a Review Health Assessment due, was completed within the required month at the end of Quarter 1.

98% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the Strategy meeting being held/Section 47 being initiated. This is significantly higher than regional (85.7%), national (77.2%) and our statistical neighbour (87.9%) averages.

100% Child Protection reviews have been completed within the required timescales. This is higher than regional (95%), national (92%) and our statistical neighbour (95%).

100% those children involved with Child Protection and Looked After have an allocated Social Worker.

100% of Looked After reviews were completed within timescales in Quarter 1, this shows continuation of good work from 2017/18 which also saw 100% of reviews completed in timescale at year end.

93.2% of statutory visits of Looked After Children were completed in timescale within Quarter 1, which is better than the target of 90%, and is an improvement from the 2017/18 year end 92.6%.

The stability of Looked After Children placements has seen an improvement compared to Quarter 1 2017/18 with regards to 3 or more placement moves. At the end of this Quarter, 9.6% (22 children) of Looked After Children had 3 or more placement moved within the last 12 months, an improvement of 6.2% when compared to the end of Quarter 1 2017/18 which was 15.8%. This is in line with benchmark data for statistical neighbours (9.5%) and national average (10%).

100% of Return Home Interviews (RHI) were completed in Quarter 1 with 92.5% completed within 72 hours of the child being returned home after the missing episode.

In Quarter 1 the percentage of Care Leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) was 27.5% (14 Care Leavers aged 19, 20 and 21 out of 51). This positively exceeds the target set at 33.0% and is a reduction of 4.7% of the 2017/18 year end figure. Focus continues to be maintained on decreasing the percentage of Care Leavers who are NEET.

Of the cohort who are in Education, Employment or Training (EET), 2 have started an apprenticeship and working towards NVQ's in their chosen area. School attendance for children in care remains strong at over 95%. There have been no permanent exclusions of Looked After Children.

Where we need to improve

Of the assessments completed in Quarter 1, 83.5% were completed within 45 working days. This is a reduction from the 2017/18 year end performance of 93.3% but this is still higher than the England average of 83%. There has been an increase in the complexity of cases and the number of large sibling groups being referred to Children's Social Care this Quarter, therefore managers have extended timescales for completion of assessments to reflect this. This is supported by the increase in the number of Strategy meetings, Section 47 enquiries and the number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan this Quarter when compared to Quarter 1 in 2017/18. There has also been a significant increase in Court work over Quarter 1 2018/19 which has resulted in additional work to meet Court deadlines and timescales.

The percentage of Looked After Children who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years at the end of Quarter 1 has improved when compared to Quarter 1 2017/18 which was 50.8% and is now 63.1%. However this has still not reached our target of 65%.

5.9% of Care Leavers in unsuitable accommodation.

19 out of 39 (48.7%) dental health checks have been completed at the end of Quarter 1. Progress against this indicator continues to undergo close scrutiny with a tracker in place to ensure robust oversight.

Contacts and Referrals

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

In Quarter 1 the number of contacts into the department was 1,485, when compared to Quarter 1 in 2017/2018, there has been an increase in contacts of 290, which equates to an increase of 19.5% against 2017/18. Considerable work has been done with partners and in particular the police to ensure contacts are more appropriate during this year.

Children's Access Point (CAP) receives all contacts, within Quarter 1 52.5% (1,287) of these received information and advice which is consistent with Quarter 1 2017/18. The contact outcome of "refer to school attendance support" has increased to 284 (11.6%) compared to 191 (8.8%) in 2017/18. Going forward we will continue to monitor the number of contacts and subsequent outcomes, to assess the impact on the service. However, referrals have been consistent with 12.1% referred to Early Help for assistance, 12.2% referred for Social Care intervention and 11.7% related to already open Early Help workers.

In line with the increase in school attendance support contacts, contacts from education significantly increased, to 34.2% in June. Police continue to be the agency that contact us most frequently regarding young with 36.8% of all contacts in Quarter 1 which is consistent with Quarter 1 in 2017/18 at 35%. Health (including midwifery, GP, Hospital and Health Visitors) have referred 8.1% of the contacts into the department for Quarter 1, which is less than quarter 1 2017/18 at 12.4%. It is of particular note that Health Visitors make the least number of contacts. During 2018/2019 this will be explored further with our health visiting service to understand the low number of contacts.

The timeliness of decision making on contacts remains high with an average of 94.2% completed within 24 working hours at end of Quarter 1 and 0.5% within 72 hours, even with an increase in contacts of 19.5%. This ensures that that children and young people receive services quickly and the work flow through the system is efficient. Dip sampling and auditing activity continues to verify the effectiveness of the front door.

The conversion of contacts to referral is 124.3 per 10,000 for Quarter 1, if this continued at the same trajectory then the end of year figure would be 504.4 per 10,000 this figure is much more in line with statistical neighbours 519.7 per 10,000, yet below most recent national (548.2 per 10,000) and regional (599.6 per 10,000) . The total number of referrals to Social Care during Quarter 1 was 284 which is comparable to last year, this will continue to be monitored through 2018/19 to ensure we remain within statistical neighbour range.

The timeliness of Quarter 1 referrals remains high with all but one month achieving 100% completion within 24 working hours and 0% within 72 hours. This ensures that that children and young people receive services quickly and the work flow through the system is efficient.

The age breakdown for referrals in Quarter 1 shows an increase in those cases been referred for children under 1, which is 14% compared to 8.3 % in Quarter 1 2017/18. Those cases are being reviewed to gain an understanding of why this increase has occurred and will be reported on in Quarter 2.

The rate of re-referrals continues to improve and is on target (20%) with performance at 20.2% as at end of Quarter 1. The continuing review and understanding of trends, has contributed to the improving rate of re-referrals. Re-referrals are in line with regional (20.1%) benchmarks, below national benchmarks (21.9%), yet still slightly above statistical benchmarking (18.5%).

CONTACTS

DEFINITION
 Contacts are received through the Children's Access Point (CAP) and are screened against an agreed multi-agency threshold criteria for Social Care. The total number of contacts received by CAP shows how busy CAP are within each month; the number of new contacts shows how many contacts are made on cases which are not currently open to Social Care (a contact can include multiple children); the total number of children in the month (each child can appear more than once) allows us to demonstrate outcomes, as each child may appear more than once they will have different outcomes and different sources, and the distinct number of children (each child is counted only once not matter how many contacts were received) allows us to look at the demography.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
 1,485 contacts were received during Quarter 1, This is an increase of 19.5% (290 contacts) when comparing with Quarter 1 2017/18 (1,195).

		CSC 004	CSC 004i	CSC 004k
		Number of contacts received (monthly)	Number of children the contacts were regarding (a child can be counted more than once) (monthly)	Number of individual children contacts were regarding (monthly)
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Apr-18	420	701	544
	May-18	450	779	657
	Jun-18	615	970	760
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
	Mar-19			
ANNUAL TREND	2015/16			
	2016/17			
	2017/18			
	2018/19 YTD	1485	2450	1961

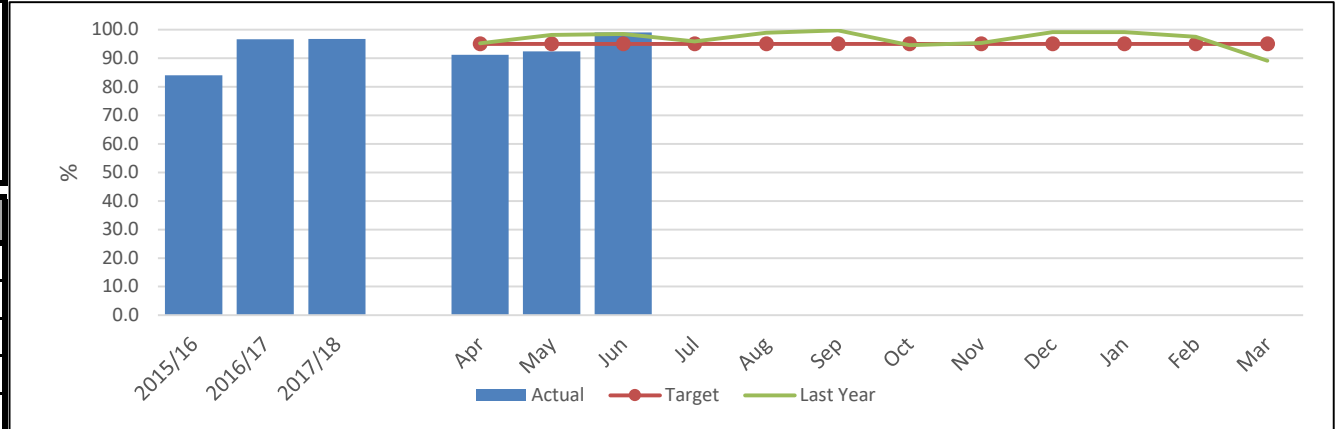
CONTACTS: TIMELINESS

DEFINITION	Percentage of contacts completed within 1 working day and over 3 working days within the month. A higher rate of contacts completed within 1 day indicates that assessments are quick and cases are escalated effectively and efficiently without delay and drift.
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Performance Analysis	<p>94.2% of contacts were completed within 1 working day, within Quarter 1.</p> <p>0.5% of contacts had taken more than 3 working days to be completed, within Quarter 1.</p> <p>Contact timeliness continues to be effective and is showing that, even though there has been an increase in contacts, they are still above target for completions.</p>
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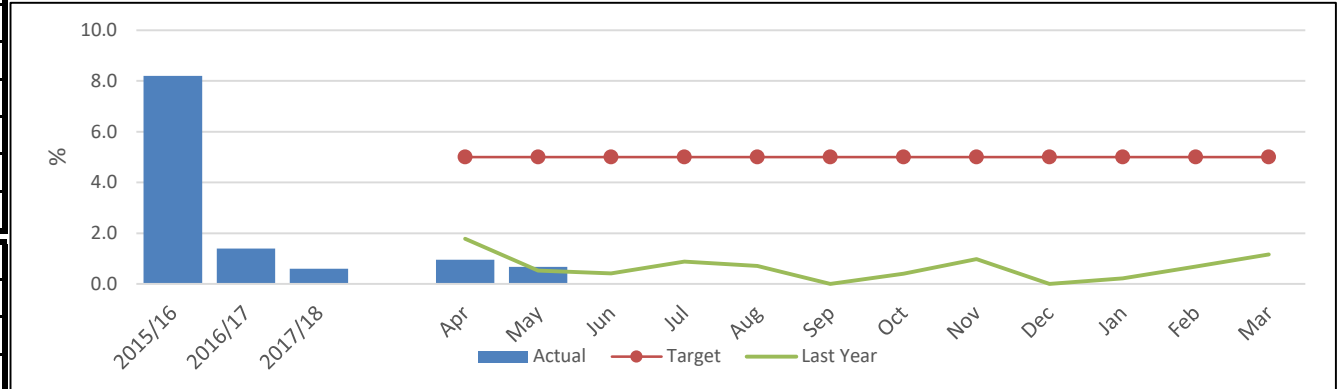
CSC 006	CSC 009
% of contacts completed within 1 working day within the month	% of contacts completed over 3 working days within the month

CSC 006: % of contacts completed within 1 working day within the month



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	95.0	5.0
	Apr-18	91.2	1.0
	May-18	92.4	0.7
	Jun-18	99.0	0.0
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
	Mar-19		

CSC 009: % of contacts completed over 3 working days within the month



Annual Trend	2015/16	84.0	8.2
	2016/17	96.6	1.4
	2017/18	96.7	0.6
	2018/19 YTD	94.2	0.5

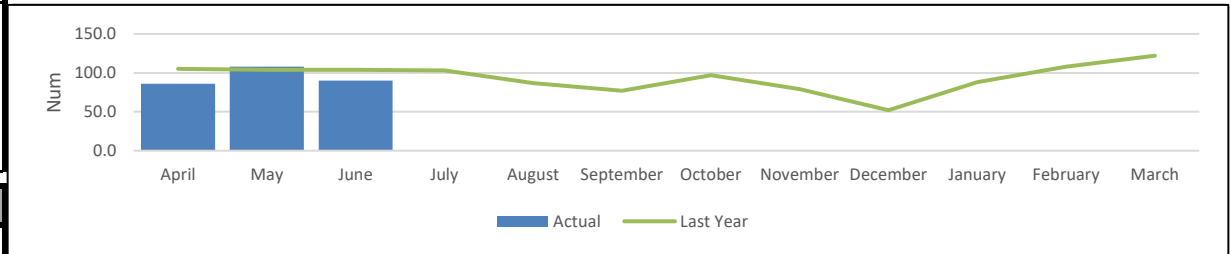
REFERRALS

DEFINITION Monthly number of referrals to Children's Social Care and number of referrals started year to date. A contact will be progressed to a referral if it is considered that an assessment and/or service may be required.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 284 children's referrals were started in Quarter 1 compared to 313 children's referrals in Quarter 1 2017/18.

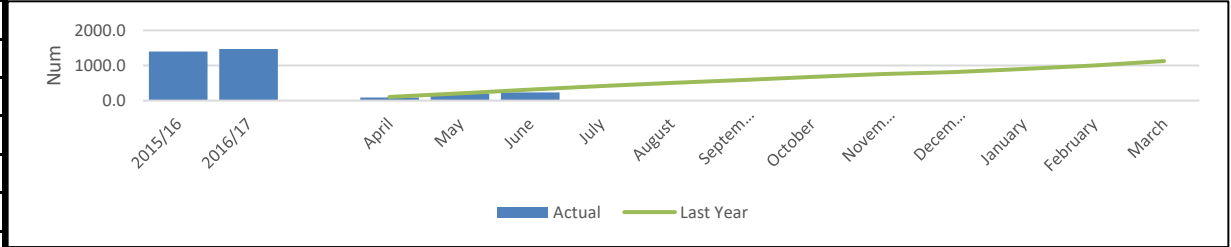
CSC 013	CSC 012	CSC 014
Monthly number of referrals STARTED.	Number of children's referrals STARTED year to date.	Rate of referrals per 10,000 population.

CSC 013: Monthly number of referrals STARTED.

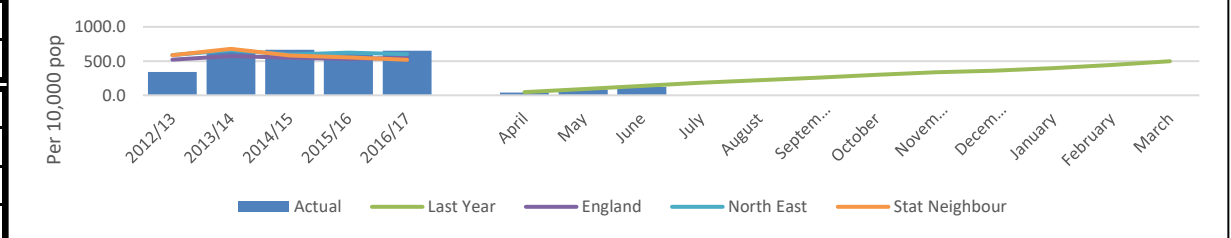


IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)
	Apr-18	86	86	38.2
	May-18	108	194	86.2
	Jun-18	90	284	124.3
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
	Mar-19			

CSC 012: Number of children's referrals STARTED year to date.



CSC 014: Rate of referrals per 10,000 population.



ANNUAL TREND	2015/16	1398	1398	615.9
	2016/17	1472	1472	650.6
	2017/18	1126	1126	497.6
	2018/19 YTD	284	284	124.3

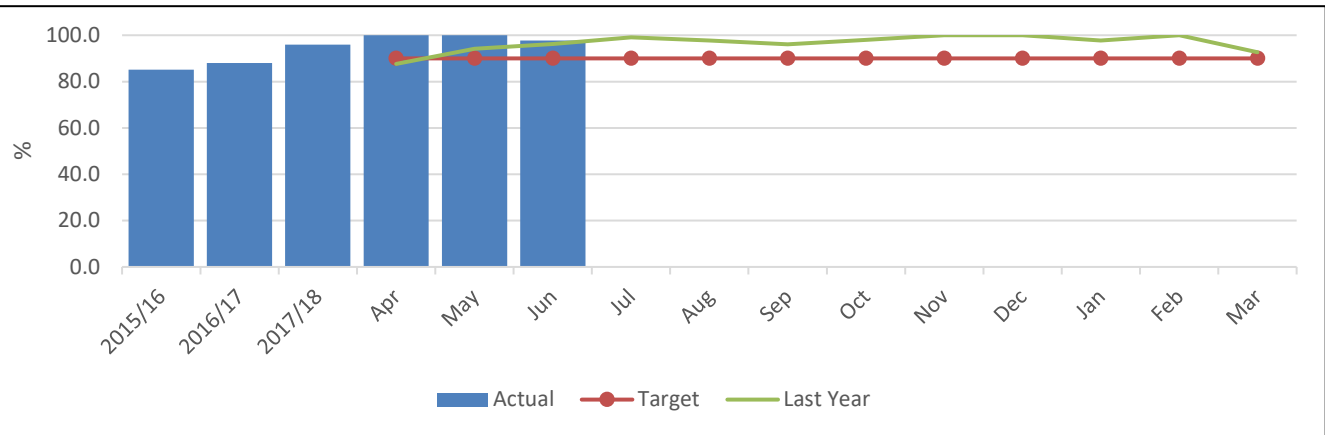
REFERRALS - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION Percentage of referrals completed within 24 hours and over 72 hours. Referrals completed within 24 hours indicates that decisions regarding the services required are made in a timely manner to minimise drift and delay and to ensure that children are safe.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
 88 of the 90 referrals were completed within 24 hours.
 Timeliness has improved compared to this time last year, with no referrals taking longer than 72 hours to complete.

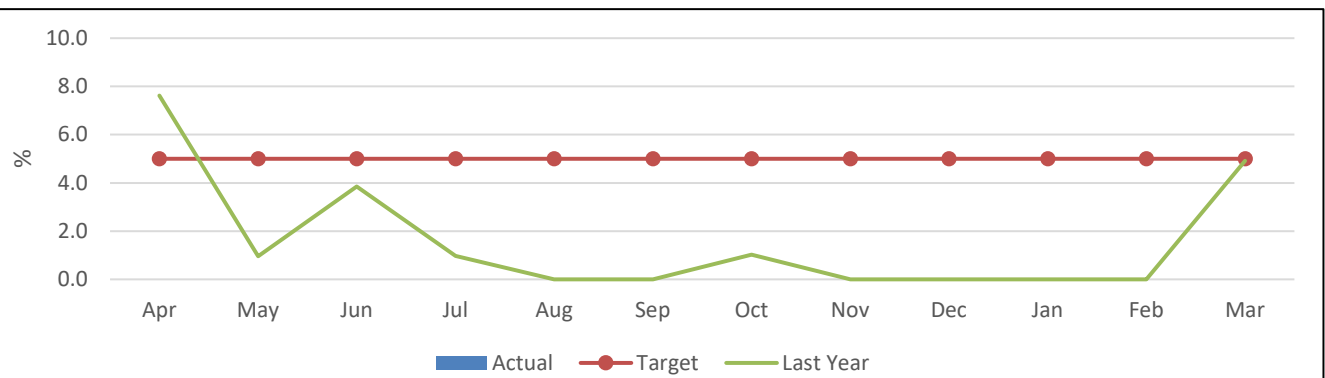
CSC 022	CSC 026
Monthly % of referrals completed within 24 hours.	Monthly % of referrals completed in over 72 hours.

CSC 022: Monthly % of referrals completed within 24 hours.



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90.0	5.0
	Apr-18	100.0	0.0
	May-18	100.0	0.0
	Jun-18	97.8	0.0
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
Mar-19			

CSC 026: Monthly % of referrals completed in over 72 hours.



ANNUAL TREND	2015/16	85.2	
	2016/17	88.0	4.8
	2017/18	96.0	1.8
	2017/19	99.3	0.0

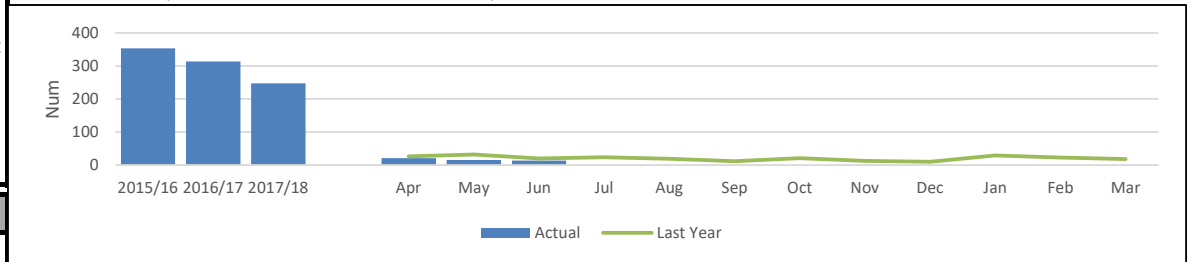
REFERRALS - RE-REFERRALS

DEFINITION	<p>Percentage of re-referrals that are a repeat referral within 12 months of a previous referral.</p> <p>A re-referral to Children's Social Care could be an indication that the previous referral was inappropriately closed down without addressing the initial concerns or issues.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>50 re-referrals were received within Quarter 1 which is a reduction of 49% from the re-referrals during 2017/18 in Quarter 1, which was 98.</p> <p>In Quarter 1, Darlington's current rate of re-referrals within 12 months of a previous referral (20.2) is slightly higher than the target of 20%, and is slightly higher than the most recent regional (20.1%) and statistical (18.5%) benchmarks, but is below recent national benchmark (21.9%).</p>
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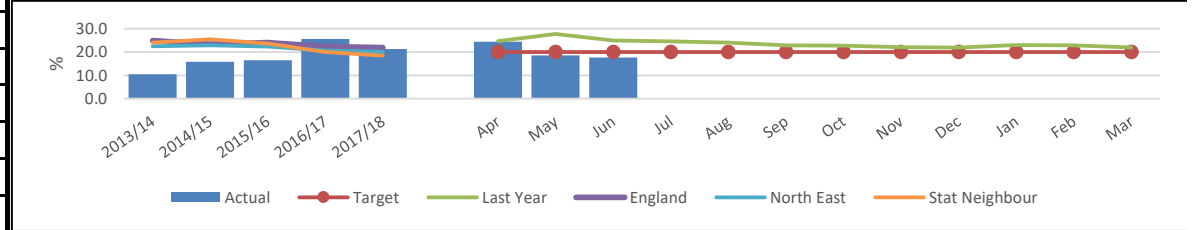
CSC 034	CSC 032	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (monthly)
Monthly number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (monthly)

CSC 034: Monthly number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months

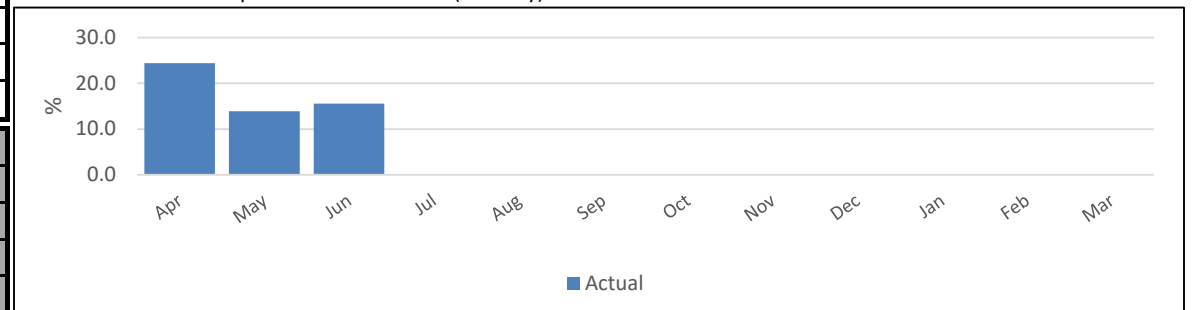


IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	20.0	
	Apr-18	21	24.4	24.4
	May-18	15	18.6	13.9
	Jun-18	14	17.6	15.6
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
Mar-19				

CSC 032: % re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)



% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (monthly)



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		16.5	
	2015/16	353	25.6	
	2016/17	314	21.4	
	2017/18	247	21.9	
	2018/19 YTD	50	20.2	

Early Help

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

Missing

The total number of missing episodes in Quarter 1 is 137 involving 62 young people with no significant differences to the data from previous Quarters.

Most children (88%) have 3 or under missing episodes.

The missing episodes for the Darlington Looked After population is 38% (24 children), children on CiN plans 19% (12 children) and other local authorities' children placed in Darlington 21% (13 children). There were no children with a disability/learning need reported missing in this Quarter.

Significantly in Quarter 1, 25% (15 children) were not known to services when they were reported missing. Of these, the Return Home Interview's (RHI) had resulted in no further action for 7 of the children, the remaining were referred to social care or early help. This clearly evidences that the RHI has given these young people a voice to explore their risk taking behaviour and appropriate referrals have been made for additional support.

There is a slight but not significant increase in the number of females (55%) who are reported missing.

In this Quarter the number of missing episodes which involved other authorities children placed in Darlington is 14%. This number remains low but has slightly increased and will be monitored by both the local authority, Barnardo's and the ERASE team, and if necessary will be explored with the placing authorities to review if placements are appropriate.

Missing from Home interviews have been completed in over 93% of the cases within 72 hours, 100% have been completed. Where the coordinator cannot engage the young person, they will then explore the issues with parents, carers, teachers or social workers.

Barnardo's completed an audit of the quality of the RHI and an action plan was agreed to provide the missing coordinator with some training to improve the quality of recording.

All RHI are shared with the ERASE team who analyse these to identify any themes /patterns in relation to associates, locations and known perpetrators.

All cases where children have regular missing episodes are discussed at the Missing and Exploited Group (MEG) and measures are explored to reduce missing episodes.

Early Help

The Early Help data collection for quality and impact remains a work in progress and is a key priority for 2018/19. The recording and reporting on Early Help Assessments is much more robust than previous years and is therefore not appropriate to compare numbers. The current outturn is 261 assessments being active during Quarter 1. The ongoing priority is to continue to develop key reportable data and the final development of the Early Help scorecard. This will allow much deeper analysis than merely reporting on numbers. The number of assessments by external agencies is 84 which is a 32% of the total number of assessments. There has been an increase in activity within the Early Help service, with a number of key developments taken place.

The Early Help Practise Standards have been launched with all staff, ensuring a consistent and robust mechanism of uniformity and expectations of working practise. Managers and Advanced Practitioners are aware of their roles in ensuring standards are adhered to and appropriately challenge areas where standards may drop. All staff have a copy of the standards and are expected to use them as a guide when working with children, families and partners.

The Early Help service now has in place, an observation of practise template which we have developed and is being utilised in a number of areas within the service. This includes 1-1 direct work, group work activity and Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings. This observation template is held on a central drive and has oversight from the Service Manager who will monitor and pick out both areas for improvement and also areas of good practise. Feedback is then shared with all staff during Development meetings alongside team meetings.

A Quality Assessment (QA) template has been developed using the social care model, but with some variance to ensure it fits with expected Early Help (EH) practise standards. Each manager and Advance Practitioner (AP) will complete 2 audits a month totalling 36 each Quarter. There will also be external QA completed by the EH Co-ordinator who will be expected to complete 3 per month. This work has begun and the Service Manager will report findings into the Assistant Directors performance clinic.

The Troubled Families (TF) agenda continues to be a high priority to ensure continuity post 2020. There is an action plan in place and a great emphasis on identification of families via a weekly audit clinic with staff. Cases are scrutinised to ensure identification is tracked. EH managers and AP's also attend the weekly YOS and ASB meetings to share knowledge of cases where there can be joint working.

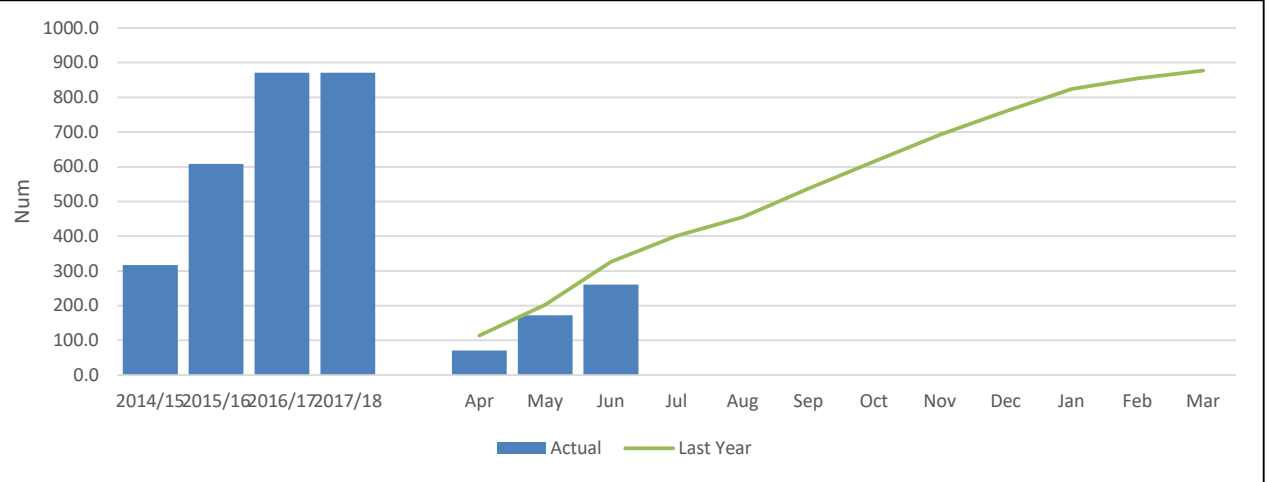
EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION	Number of individual Early Help Assessments recorded year to date.
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Performance Analysis	In Quarter 1, 261 Early Help assessments were completed compared to Quarter 1 2017/18 with 327 Early Help assessments completed, this is a reduction of 20% from this time last year. 84 of the 261 Early Help assessments were completed by external agencies, which equates to 32%. This is a positive increase in external agency assessments as during 2017/18 an average of 23% were completed.
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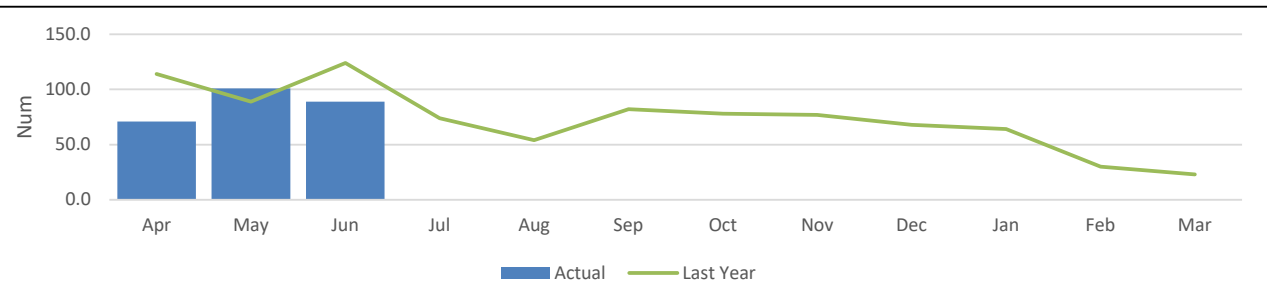
CSC 001	CSC 002
Number of individual Early Help assessments recorded year to date	Number of individual Early Help assessments recorded per month

CSC 001: Number of individual Early Help assessments recorded year to date



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	(blank)
	Apr-18	71	71
	May-18	172	101
	Jun-18	261	89
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
	Mar-19		

CSC 002: Number of individual Early Help assessments recorded per month



Annual Trend	2014/15	317	317
	2015/16	608	608
	2016/17	871	871
	2017/18	877	877
	2018/19 YTD	261	261

MISSING EPISODES

DEFINITION The number of episodes of children going missing in Darlington, including Looked After Children, Children Looked After by another authority and children who are not currently open to Social Care. The percentage of return home interviews completed within 72 hours.

Performance Analysis
 The total number of missing episodes in Quarter 1 is 137 involving 62 children.
 Most children (88%) have 3 or less missing episodes.
 Missing from Home Interviews have been completed in over 93% of the cases within 72 hours, 100% have been completed. Where the coordinator cannot engage the young person she explores the issues with parents, carers, teachers or social workers.

		Number of Missing Episodes (children)	Number of missing episodes relating to Children Looked After by Darlington Borough Council (children)	Number of missing episodes relating to Children Looked After by Darlington Borough Council placed more than 20 miles from home (children)	Number of missing episodes relating to other children open to Children's Services (children)	Number of missing episodes relating to other children open to Early Help (children)	Missing Episodes for Children of Other Authorities (children)	Missing Episodes for Children Not Currently Open to Social Care (children)	% of Return Home interviews completed within 72 hours (excluding CLA OLA)	Missing episodes where a Return Home interview was completed	% Action Plans Completed (cumulative for Quarter)
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Apr-18	51 (28)	27 (9)	9 (<5)	5 (<5)	<5 (<5)	8 (6)	10 (9)	93.0%	100%	
	May-18	37(18)	23(10)	<5 (<5)	7 (<5)	<5 (<5)	<5 (<5)	<5 (<5)	93.9%	100%	
	Jun-18	49 (33)	25 (12)	11 (5)	9 (6)	<5 (<5)	8 (8)	<5 (<5)	92.5%	100%	
	Jul-18										
	Aug-18										
	Sep-18										
	Oct-18										
	Nov-18										
	Dec-18										
	Jan-19										
	Feb-19										
	Mar-19										
	Annual Trend	2014/15									
2015/16											
2016/17											
2017/18											
2018/19 YTD		137 (62)	75 (21)						93.1%	100.0	

Assessments

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

As previously detailed, a high percentage of referrals led to an assessment to determine needs and risks, desired outcomes and support required.

During Quarter 1, 315 assessments were completed across all Social Work teams apart from the Looked After Through Care team:

- Children's First Response team – 244 (77.5%)
- Assessment and Safeguarding teams – 62 (19.7%)
- Life Stages 0 – 25 team – 9 (2.8%)

Of the assessments completed in Quarter 1, 83.5% were completed within 45 working days. This is a slight reduction from the 2017/18 year end performance of 93.3%. The following rationale is provided to explain why this has happened:

- The vast majority of assessments that have not been completed within timescale were only over 45 working days by 1 to 2 days. In addition, a number of these could not be completed due to information awaited from other Local Authorities which was critical to informing the assessment
- There has been an increase in the complexity of cases and the number of large sibling groups being referred to Children's Social Care this Quarter. This is supported by the increase in the number of Strategy meetings, Section 47 enquiries and the number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan this Quarter when compared to Quarter 1 in 2017/18.
- There has been a significant increase in Court work over Quarter 1 2018/19. Social Workers have been required to prioritise paperwork for Court to ensure timescales for lodging applications are met to prevent drift and delay. The increase in care proceedings has also meant very short timescales for Social Workers to lodge assessments, evidence and care plans which all have deadlines that cannot be missed.
- There has been a staffing challenge this Quarter as the region had previously introduced a capped rate for all new agency Social Workers appointed. This capped rate was being enforced in July for all those agency social workers already in employment who were being paid more than the new capped rate. The introduction of this cap has resulted in a number of agency Social Workers, who were backfilling maternity leave and sick leave, to move onto other assignments for a higher rate than the capped rate. It has also meant that the pool of agency Social Workers available for appointment has significantly reduced leaving a number of posts not backfilled. This staffing challenge has coincided with the increase in complex cases and court work and has inevitably had an impact on assessment timeliness.

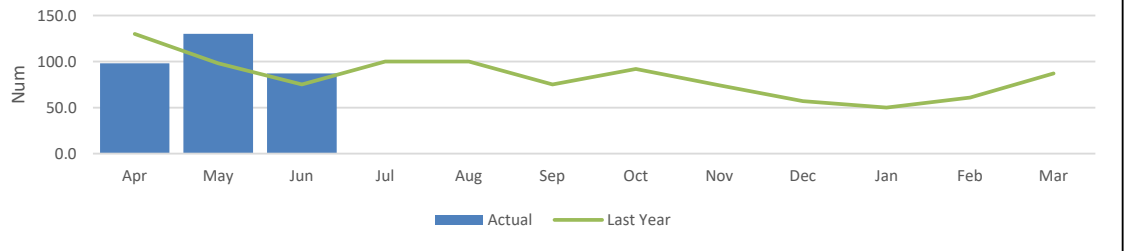
ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION	Monthly and cumulative number of assessments completed.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	For Quarter 1, 315 Assessments have been completed. Darlington's current rate of assessments completed is 139.9 per 10,000 population.
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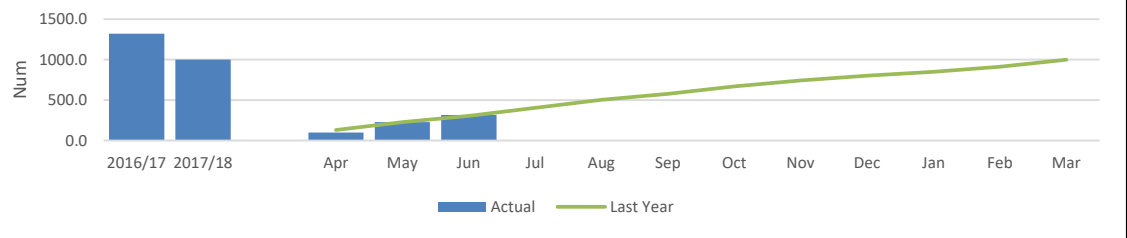
CSC 037	CSC 036	CSC 035
Monthly number of children & families assessments completed	Number of children & families assessments completed year to date	Rate of Children & Families assessments completed per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.

CSC 037: Monthly number of children & families assessments completed

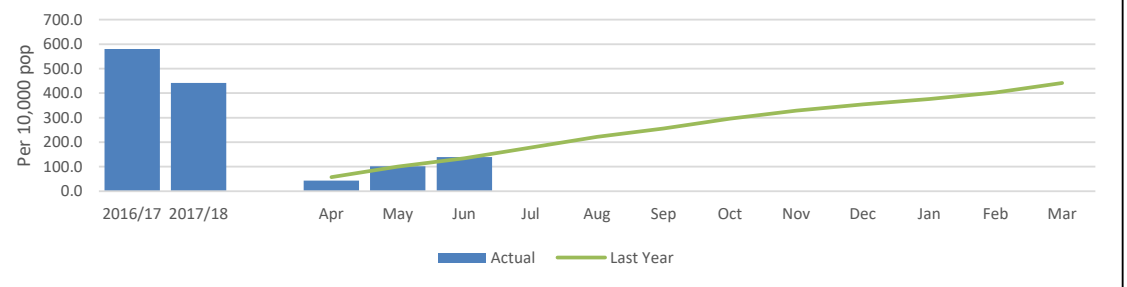


IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)
	Apr-18	98	98	43.5
	May-18	130	228	101.3
	Jun-18	87	315	139.9
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
Mar-19				

CSC 036: Number of children & families assessments completed year to date



CSC 035: Rate of Children & Families assessments completed per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		
	2015/16		1284
	2016/17		1321
	2017/18		999
	2018/19 YTD	315	315

ASSESSMENTS - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION	<p>Of those assessments completed in a period, the percentage completed within 45 working days. Day zero is the first working day on or after the start date of the referral, or strategy discussion decided to initiate S47 enquiries, or where new information indicates that an assessment should be undertaken. End date is the first working day on or after the recorded date the Team Manager closes the single assessment.</p> <p>A process indicator as a proxy measure for improved child safety and how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. Local authorities should investigate and address concerns in a timely and efficient way.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>83.5% of Assessments were completed within 45 working days for Quarter 1 compared to 95.4% for Quarter 1 2017/18.</p> <p>When compared to benchmarking assessment, timeliness is below statistical neighbours at 86%, but in line with regional 83% and national 83% figures.</p>
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CSC 038	CSC 040	CSC 060	CSC 080	CSC 100
% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (Year to date)	Monthly % C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days	Monthly % C&F Assessments completed within 25 working days	Monthly % C&F Assessments completed within 15 working days	Monthly % C&F Assessments completed within 10 working days

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%	90%	60%	40%	25%
	Apr-18	89.3	89.3	30.6	20.4	13.5
	May-18	85.1	84.6	39.2	26.2	19.2
	Jun-18	83.5	79.3	43.7	27.6	18.4
	Jul-18					
	Aug-18					
	Sep-18					
	Oct-18					
	Nov-18					
	Dec-18					
	Jan-19					
	Feb-19					
	Mar-19					

	2015/16	77.0	77.0	43.0	27.0	21.0
	2016/17	93.0	93.0	58.0	40.0	33.0
	2017/18	93.3	93.6			
	2018/19 YTD	83.5	84.4	37.8	24.7	17.0

Child Protection

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

In Quarter 1 there were a total of 161 strategy discussions that have been held. This is almost double the number of strategy discussions when compared to this period in 2017/18 which was 86.

On average, 54 strategy discussions were held each month in Quarter 1 and involved all Social Work teams apart from the Life Stages team. This is double the average number when compared to Quarter 1 for 2017/18 of 27.

Children's Access Point (CAP) and the Children's First Response Team (FRT) held 64.6% of the strategy discussions in Quarter 1, the Assessment and Safeguarding teams held 34.2%, and the Looked After Through Care Team held 1.2%.

The number of section 47 enquiries started in Quarter 1 was 150. This is again double the number for Quarter 1 in 2017/18 (76).

The outcome of Section 47 enquiries that have been started during Quarter 1 is summarised as follows:

- Continue to single assessment (56.7%)
- Continue to Initial Child Protection Conference (40%)
- No current outcome (2.7%)
- Became Looked After (0.7%)

98% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the Strategy meeting being held/Section 47 being initiated. The remaining 2% relates to 1 case in May that did not meet the timescale. However, performance is still higher than benchmarks:

- North East average – 85.7%
- Statistical Neighbour average – 87.94%
- England average – 77.2%

At the end of Quarter 1, 34 ICPC's had been held, this figure includes transfer-in Conferences. This is higher than Quarter 1 in 2017/18 as the figure at that point was 21.

At the end of Quarter 1, there were 112 children who were the subject of a Child Protection plan compared to only 75 in Quarter 1 the previous year. This equates to a rate of 49.7 per 10,000 of the 0 – 17 population. This brings the figure more in line with benchmarks.

There are no children who have been subject to a Child Protection Plan for longer than 2 years which is a positive. This compares favourably with benchmarks from 2016/17 as the North East average is 3.8%, the Statistical Neighbour average is 3.84% and the England average is 3.4%.

At the end of Quarter 1, the figure for children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 5.1%. This is lower than the previous year end of 6.5%. All children who fall into this category have their cases analysed by a Head of Service to determine if the Local Authority ended the previous plan in a satisfactory manner, and also to determine whether the presenting issues are similar or different when episodes are compared. A number of the children that are in this cohort have now had their cases escalated into the Letter Before Proceedings (LBP) process, and there are a number where care proceedings have been issued.

All Child Protection cases were allocated to a qualified Social Worker throughout the reporting year. Also, all Child Protection plans were reviewed within timescales throughout the reporting year.

At the end of Quarter 1, 86% (704 out of 819) of statutory Child Protection visits had been undertaken within the internally set visiting frequency of 10 working days. This is an improvement on the previous year of 85.6%. However, it should be noted that in a number of other Local Authorities internally set visiting frequencies for children subject to a Child Protection Plan is 15 working days. If this measure was applied for Quarter 1, this would show that 97% (793 out of 819) visits were undertaken within 15 working days. This is broken down further as follows:

- 4.5% visits were undertaken within 11 working days
- 2% visits were undertaken within 12 working days
- 2% visits were undertaken within 13 working days
- 2% visits were undertaken within 14 working days
- 1% were undertaken within 15 working days.

All statutory visits that are not undertaken within timescales are analysed by the Head of Assessment, Care Planning and LATC and a rationale provided by the relevant Team Manager. However, there are a number (3%) where despite numerous attempts to see the children in the home, visits have been unsuccessful and have exceeded timescales. These cases inevitably result in a legal meeting to determine next steps due to non-engagement. This level of scrutiny will continue to be provided by the Head of Service.

2018/19 has seen an addition to the performance report of care proceedings. Headline data will be provided each month but more detailed information will be provided at the end of each Quarter. Future reporting will also include the number of section 7 and 37 reports that have been requested by the Courts to ensure the whole picture is visible. All matters are referred to as cases and figures provided reflect the number of cases rather than the number of children. For example, one matter may refer to a sibling group of 6 children.

At the end of Quarter 1:

- There were 11 live Public Law Outline (PLO) cases
- 17 sets of care proceedings had been issued. These refer to public law proceedings and not discharges of Care Orders, Placement Orders or adoption
- There were 28 sets of live care proceedings ongoing
- 13 cases were being prepared for care proceedings to be issued. These refer to public law proceedings and not discharges of Care Orders, Placement Orders or adoption
- Live discharge of Care Order cases before the Court
- Live adoption cases before the Court
- There were 8 cases that were being prepared for care proceedings to be issued to discharge Care Orders
- Cases that were being prepared for care proceedings to request Adoption Orders
- Cases that were being prepared for care proceedings to request a Placement Order
- There were 6 cases being prepared to issue care proceedings regarding inherent jurisdiction

For all cases that are being prepared for issuing care proceedings, the Social Worker has to collate a full Court chronology, a Social Work evidence report, and an initial Court Care Plan. Throughout the care proceedings, further reports and assessments are required from the Social Worker. Towards the end of the proceedings, a final evidence report, updated chronology and final Court Care Plan are also required. Each child needs to have an individual Care Plan as they cannot be consolidated.

At the end of Quarter 1, the average length of public law proceedings was 22 weeks. This performance is good as the timescale set for completion of care proceedings is 26 weeks.

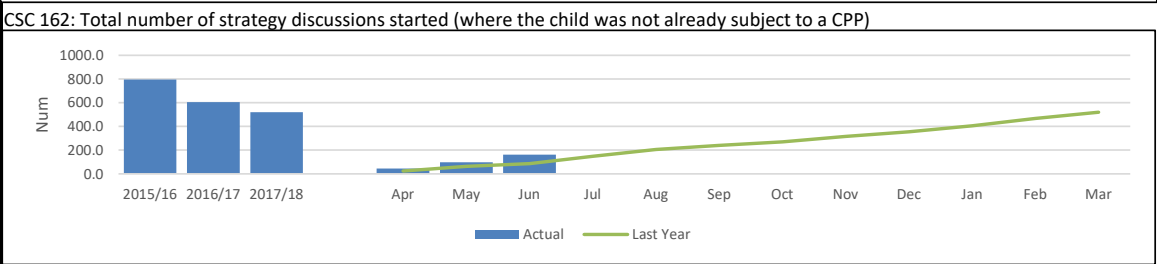
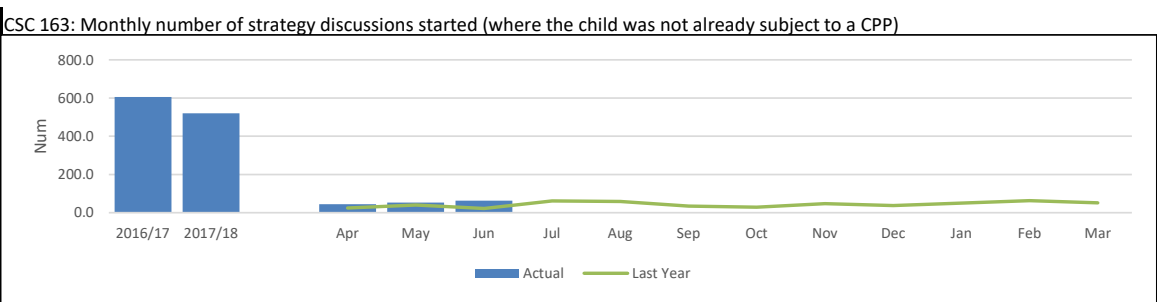
STRATEGY

DEFINITION The number of strategy discussions started within the month and cumulatively throughout the year.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 161 strategy discussions were started during Quarter 1 compared to 86 during Quarter 1 2017/18 giving a 46.6% increase.

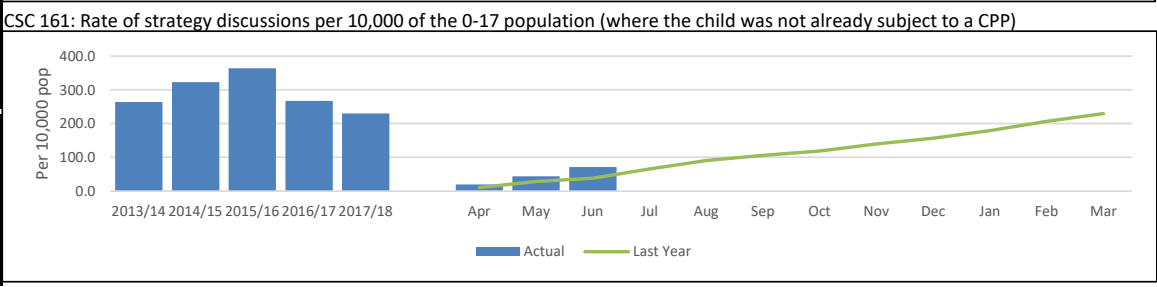
CSC 163	CSC 162	CSC 161
Monthly number of strategy discussions started (where the child was not already subject to a CPP)	Total number of strategy discussions started (where the child was not already subject to a CPP)	Rate of strategy discussions per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (where the child was not already subject to a CPP)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)
	Apr-18	45	45	20.0
	May-18	53	98	43.5
	Jun-18	63	161	71.5
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
	Mar-19			



ANNUAL TREND

2014/15			322.9
2015/16	796	796	363.9
2016/17	605	605	267.4
2017/18	520	520	229.8
2018/19 YTD	161	161	71.5



INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - CHILDREN

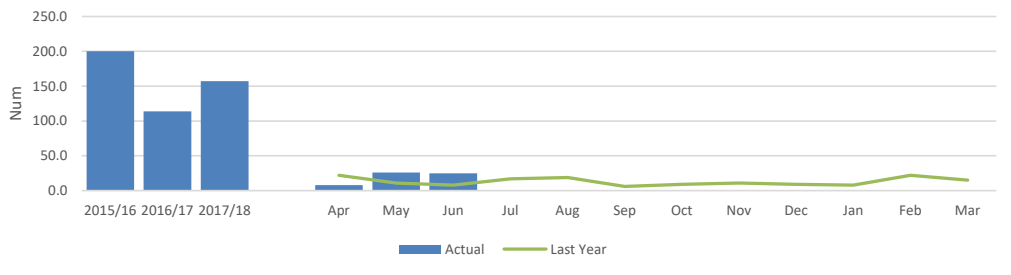
DEFINITION	Number of children subject to an Initial Child Protection Conference monthly and year to date (including transfer in conferences).
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	59 children were subject of an ICPC during Quarter 1 compared to 41 children in Quarter 1 2017/18, this is an increase of 18 (30.5%). In June 2018 there were 25 children subject of an ICPC which is a 65% increase compared to 8 children in June 2017.
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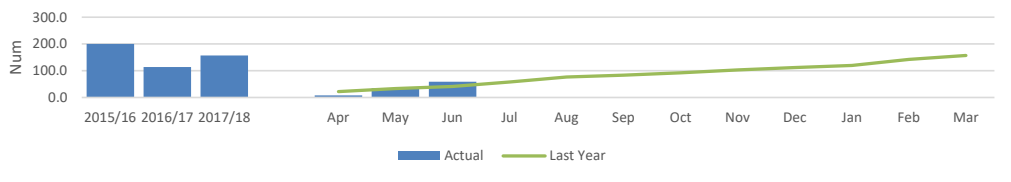
CSC 172	CSC 171	CSC 173
Monthly number of children subject of Initial child protection (CPP) conferences (inc. Transfer in Conferences)	Total number of children subject of an initial child protection (CPP) Conferences (inc. Transfer in Conferences)	Rate of initial child protection (CPP) conferences per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)
	Apr-18	8	8	2.7
	May-18	26	34	9.8
	Jun-18	25	59	15.1
	Jul-18			
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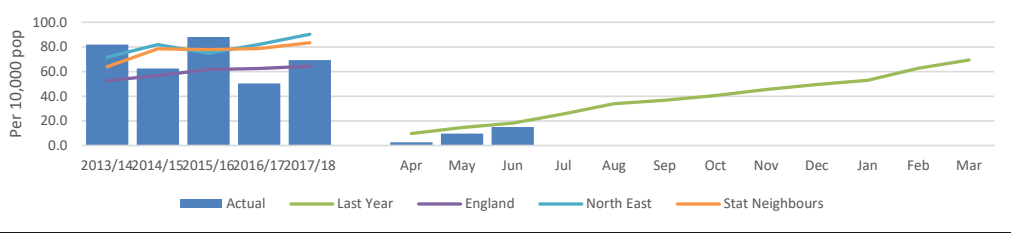
CSC 172: Monthly number of children subject of Initial child protection (CPP) conferences (inc. Transfer in Conferences)



CSC 171: Total number of children subject of an initial child protection (CPP) Conferences (inc. Transfer in Conferences)



CSC 173: Rate of initial child protection (CPP) conferences per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15			62.6
	2015/16	200	200	88.1
	2016/17	114	114	50.4
	2017/18	157	157	69.4
	2018/19 YTD	59	59	15.1

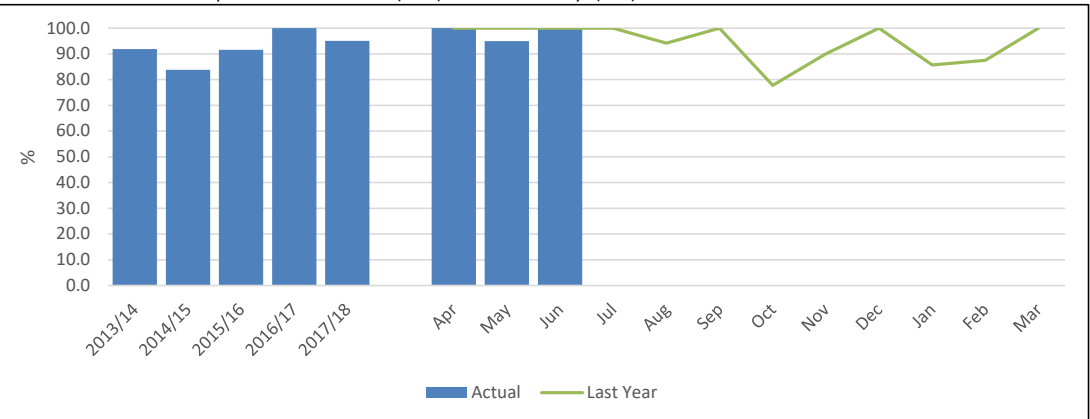
INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION Of those ICPCs held within the period (excluding transfer ins), the percentage held within 15 working days of the S47 enquiry. Provides an indication of how quickly the safety of children who are judged to be continuing to, or likely to suffer significant harm is being considered by a multi-agency meeting.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 98% ICPC conference took place within timescale in Quarter 1.

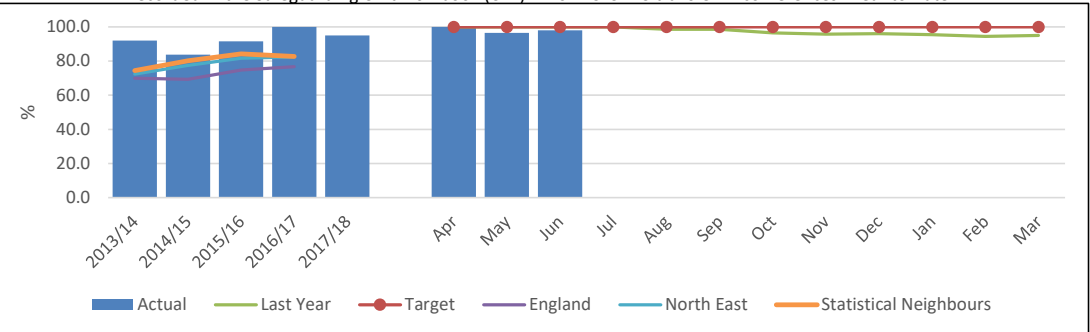
CSC 178	CSC 176
Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.	% of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was within 15 days of the initiating strategy discussion / S47 start recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook (CPP). This EXCLUDES transfer-in conferences. Year to Date

CSC 178: Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	(blank)	100.0	
	Apr-18	100.0	100.0	100.0
	May-18	95.0	96.4	96.4
	Jun-18	100.0	98.0	98.0
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
	Mar-19			

CSC 176: % of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was within 15 days of the initiating strategy discussion / S47 start recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook (CPP). This EXCLUDES transfer-in conferences. Year to Date



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	83.8	83.8
	2015/16	91.5	91.5
	2016/17	100.0	100.0
	2017/18	95.0	95.0
	2018/19 YTD	98.0	98.0

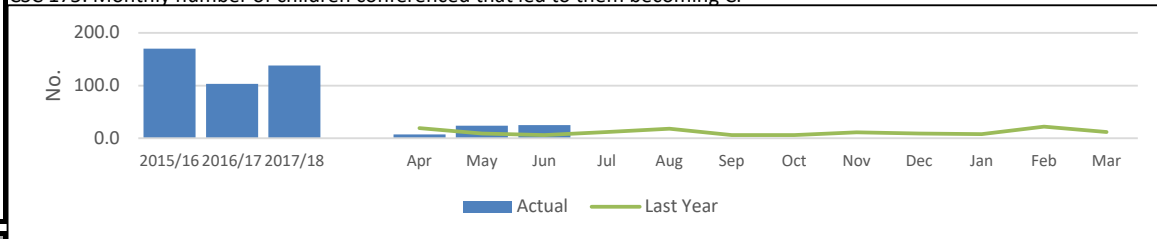
INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - CONVERSION TO CHILD PROTECTION PLAN

DEFINITION	Number and percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan following an Initial Child Protection Conference (including transfer ins).
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	In Quarter 1 2018/19, 56 children have become subject to a Child Protection Plan after an ICPC, this is 60.7% (34) higher compared to Quarter 1 2017/18. This equates to 94.9% of all children conferenced that led to them becoming CP compared to 81% for the same time last year.
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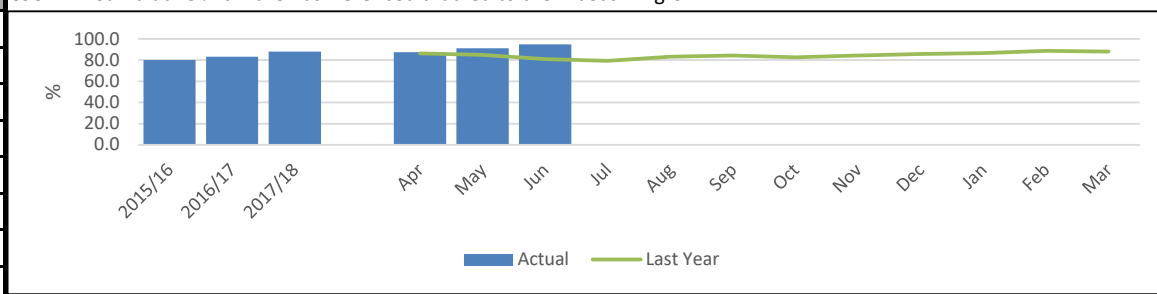
CSC 175	CSC 177	Monthly percentage of children conferenced that led to them becoming CP
Monthly number of children conferenced that led to them becoming CP	Cumulative % children conferenced that led to them becoming CP	

CSC 175: Monthly number of children conferenced that led to them becoming CP

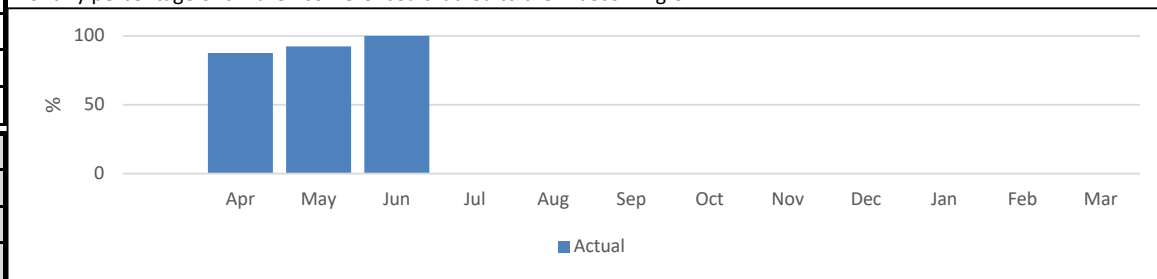


IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target			
	Apr-18	7	87.5	87.5
	May-18	24	91.2	92.3
	Jun-18	25	94.9	100.0
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
Jan-19				
Feb-19				
Mar-19				

CSC 177: Cumulative % children conferenced that led to them becoming CP



Monthly percentage of children conferenced that led to them becoming CP



	2015/16	170	80.0	
	2016/17	103	83.3	
	2017/18	138	87.9	
	2018/19 YTD	56	94.9	

CHILD PROTECTION

DEFINITION

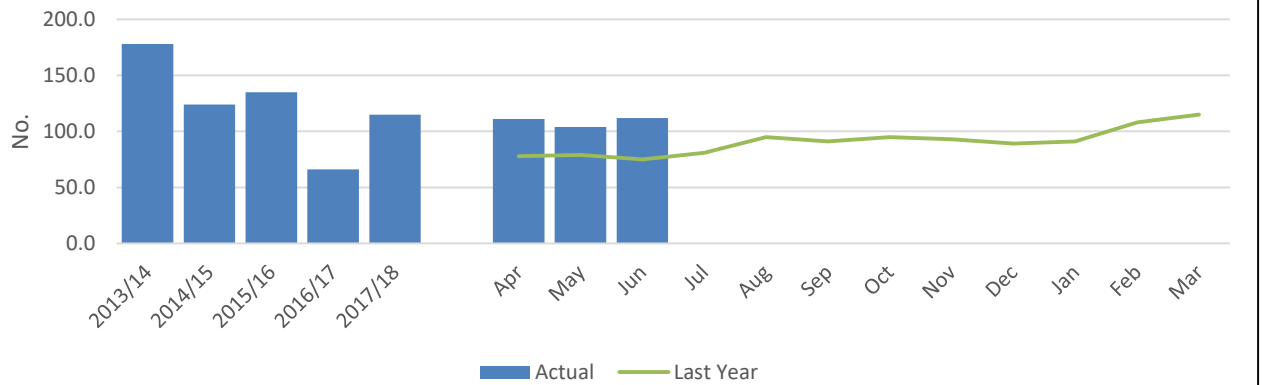
Number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

112 children were subject to a Child Protection Plan compared to 75 children in Quarter 1 2017/18, an increase of 33%.

CSC 182	CSC 181
Number of children subject to a child protection plan	Rate of children subject to a Child Protection Plan per 10,000 population

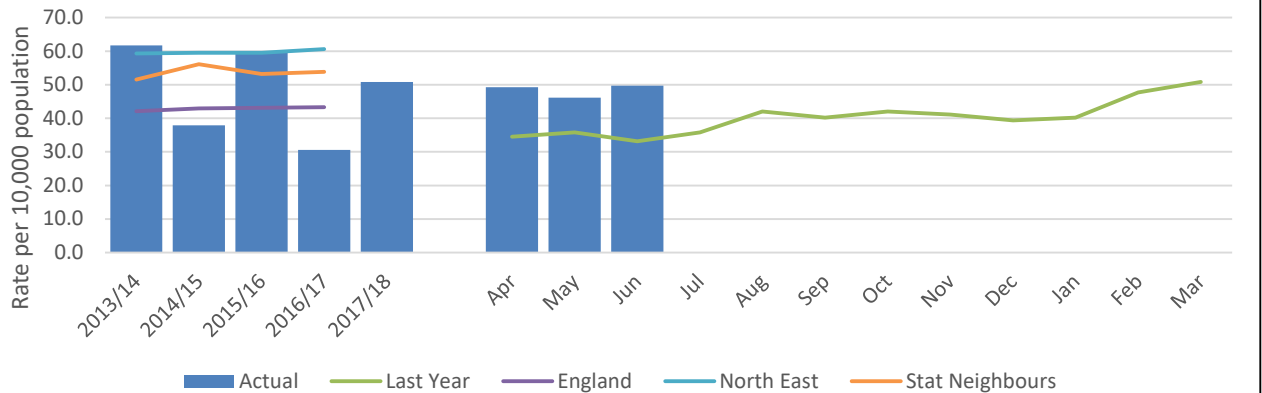
CSC 182: Number of children subject to a child protection plan



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Month	Target	CSC 182	CSC 181
Apr-18	111	111	49.3
May-18	104	104	46.2
Jun-18	112	112	49.7
Jul-18			
Aug-18			
Sep-18			
Oct-18			
Nov-18			
Dec-18			
Jan-19			
Feb-19			
Mar-19			

CSC 181: Rate of children subject to a Child Protection Plan per 10,000 population



ANNUAL TREND

2014/15	124	37.9
2015/16	135	59.5
2016/17	66	29.2
2017/18	115	50.8
2018/19 YTD	112	49.7

CHILD PROTECTION - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION

The percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month and who at that date had had a Plan continuously for at least the previous 3 months, whose case was reviewed within the required timescales.

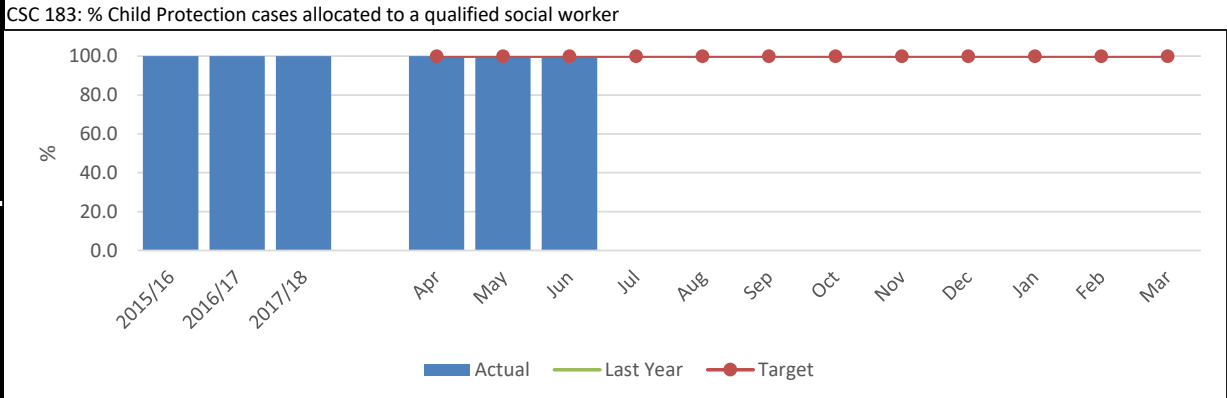
Reviews are a key element in delivering Child Protection Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of effectiveness of the interventions provided to children subject to a Child Protection Plan. "Working Together to Safeguard Children" guidance requires that the first review should be within 3 months of the initial child protection conference and thereafter at intervals of no more than 6 months.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

100% of Child Protection Cases were allocated to a qualified social worker.

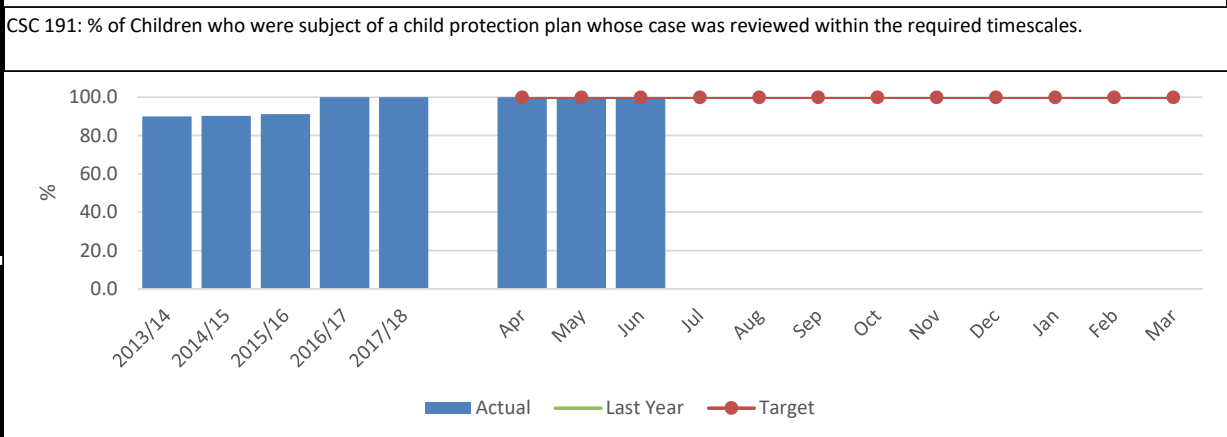
100% Child Protection reviews have been completed within the required timescales. This is higher than regional 95%, national 92% and statistical neighbours 95%.

CSC 183	CSC 191
% Child Protection cases allocated to a qualified social worker	% of Children who were subject of a child protection plan whose case was reviewed within the required timescales.



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	CSC 183	CSC 191
100.0	100.0	100.0
Apr-18	100.0	100.0
May-18	100.0	100.0
Jun-18	100.0	100.0
Jul-18		
Aug-18		
Sep-18		
Oct-18		
Nov-18		
Dec-18		
Jan-19		
Feb-19		
Mar-19		



ANNUAL TREND

2014/15		90.3
2015/16	100.0	91.2
2016/17	100.0	100.0
2017/18	100.0	100.0
2018/19 YTD	100.0	100.0

CHILD PROTECTION - TIME PERIODS

DEFINITION	Percentage of children ceasing to be subject to a Child Protection Plan who had been subject to a Plan for 2 or more years and percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for the 2nd or subsequent time.
	These indicators reflect the underlying principle that professionals should be working towards specified outcomes which, if implemented effectively, should lead to all children not needing to be the subject of a Child Protection Plan within a maximum of two years, or becoming subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>12.5% were subject to a 2nd or more CPP within 2 years of a previous plan ending compared to 2.9% of children in Quarter 1 2017/18.</p> <p>23.2% were subject to a 2nd or more CPP within no specified period compared to 13.3% of children in Quarter 1 2017/18.</p>
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		CSC 186	CSC 188	CSC 189	
		% children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)	% of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending in the month (Cumulative)	% of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time ever (Cumulative)	
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	5.0			<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>CSC 186: % children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>CSC 188: % of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending in the month (Cumulative)</p> </div> <div> <p>CSC 189: % of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time ever (Cumulative)</p> </div>
	Apr-18	0.0	0.0	0.9	
	May-18	7.1	3.2	18.3	
	Jun-18	5.1	12.5	23.2	
	Jul-18				
	Aug-18				
	Sep-18				
	Oct-18				
	Nov-18				
	Dec-18				
	Jan-19				
	Feb-19				
	Mar-19				
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	0.6	2.4		
	2015/16	3.3	6.0	14.0	
	2016/17	0.0	1.9	10.6	
	2017/18	0.0	6.5	19.1	
	2018/19 YTD	5.1	12.5	23.2	

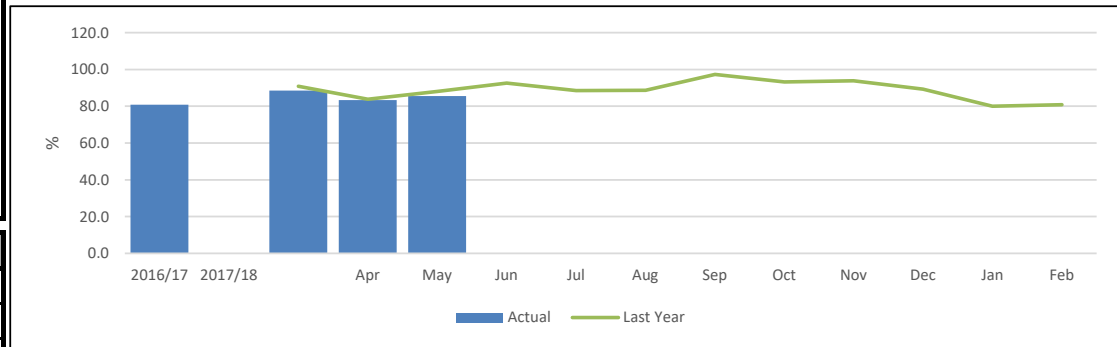
CHILD PROTECTION - STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan who had all statutory visits carried out within timescales (10 working days) and percentage of Child Protection statutory visits completed within timescale monthly and year to date.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS In Quarter 1 2018/19, 704 of the 819 (86%) CP statutory visits were completed within the timescales, compared to 488 of 558 (87.5%) completed CP statutory visits within the timescales in Quarter 1 2017/18.

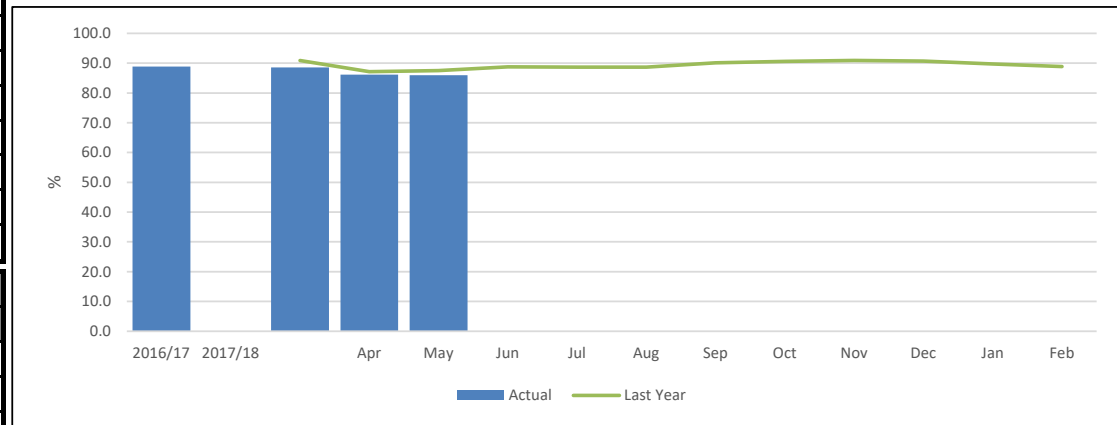
CSC 252a	CSC 252b
% Child Protection statutory visits completed in timescale within the month	% Child Protection statutory visits completed in timescale year to date

CSC 252a: % Child Protection statutory visits completed in timescale within the month



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target		
	Apr-18	88.6	88.6
	May-18	83.4	86.1
	Jun-18	85.6	86.0
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
	Mar-19		

CSC 252b: % Child Protection statutory visits completed in timescale year to date



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		
	2015/16		
	2016/17	85.6	85.6
	2017/18	80.8	88.9
	2018/19 YTD	85.6	86.0

Looked After Children

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

At the end of June, the number of Children in Care was 229 which is higher than previous year ends from 2017/18 to date.

A total of 28 children became looked after during Quarter 1. There were 13 children who were ceased to be looked after in Quarter 1. This demonstrates that in Quarter 1 more children entered care than left care.

100% of Children in Care had an allocated Social Worker. This means the target for this performance has been met.

100% of Children in Care had a Looked After Review completed within timescales. This means the target for this performance has been met.

All children who were subject to a Placement Order but had not yet been adopted have a plan in place to secure their permanence via adoption or a revocation of the Placement Order due to unsuccessful family finding.

In relation to children's participation in their Looked After Review:

- 29 reviews were held for children aged under 4
- 61 reviews had a child who attended and spoke for themselves
- 56 reviews were held where the child did not attend but their views had been sent
- 8 reviews were held where the child did not attend and did not send their views

At the end of Quarter 1, 93% of statutory visits to Children in Care had been carried out in timescale. This is a significant improvement on the 2016/17 year end performance of 86.9%, and is slightly higher than the 2017/18 year end performance of 92.6%. Although this performance is good, there continues to be a focus on analysing the reasons why visits were not carried out in timescales to determine if there are themes arising, and action taken to address these themes if they are apparent.

There continues to be a concerted effort to ensure placement stability improves for children. At the end of June, the percentage of children with 3 or more placement moves in the last 12 months positively reduced to 9.6% which is an improvement on the 2017/18 year end performance of 9.8%. This is in line with the target set of 10%. However, each month in Quarter 1 has seen a steady increase in this percentage as it had been 7.9% in April, and 8.8% in May. This means there has been an actual increase of less than 5 young people who moved into this cohort. It is predicted that performance will positively decrease in July.

The percentage of children who had been in their current placement for 2 years or more who had been in care for 2½ years or more was 63.1% at the end of Quarter 1. This is a reduction from the 2017/18 year end of 65.1%. This means the target of 65% that had been set has been missed.

The placement stability performance has been adversely affected by a number of placement disruptions. All efforts were made to wrap around the placements that disrupted but with little success.

The percentage of children placed 20 miles or more away from home has seen a slight increase to 12.2% at the end of June, when compared to the 2017/18 year-end performance of 12%. This is a concerning increase which will require rigorous monitoring going forward. The cohort represents 27 children and young people whose placements are as follows:

- Placed with a parent at home
- Children are placed with family members/friends (Connected Carers)
- Children are in foster placements
- Young people are in residential placements
- Young people over the age of 16 are in supported accommodation provision

At the end of June there were 100% of Initial Health Review forms returned to Health within 7 working days. Performance for this indicator across Quarter 1 is 100%.

At the end of June, there were 26% of Looked After Children with an up-to-date Review Health Assessment which is on target for Quarter 1. This represents 32 out of 34 children (94.1%) who had a Review Health Assessment due that were completed within the required month at the end of Quarter 1. Progress against this indicator continues to undergo close scrutiny with a tracker in place to ensure robust oversight.

At the end of June, there were 12% of children with an up-to-date dental check in the past 12 months. This represents 19 out of 39 (48.7%) dental health checks that were completed at the end of Quarter 1. Progress against this indicator continues to undergo close scrutiny with a tracker in place to ensure robust oversight.

LOOKED AFTER

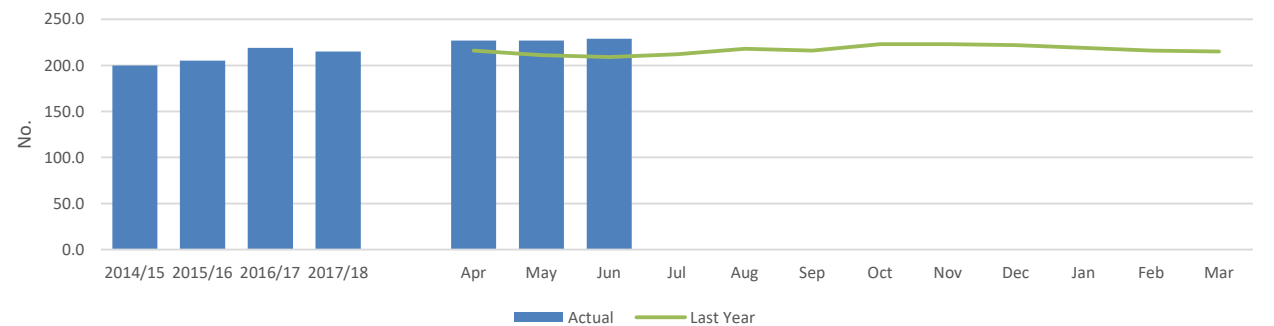
DEFINITION	Number of Looked After Children at the end of each month.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>229 Children were Looked After at the end of Quarter 1 compared to 209 at Quarter 1 2017/18.</p> <p>The rate of Children Looked After is 101.7 per 10,000 population. This is higher than the national rate (62 per 10,000), regional (92 per 10,000) and statistical (89.4 per 10,000) benchmarks.</p>
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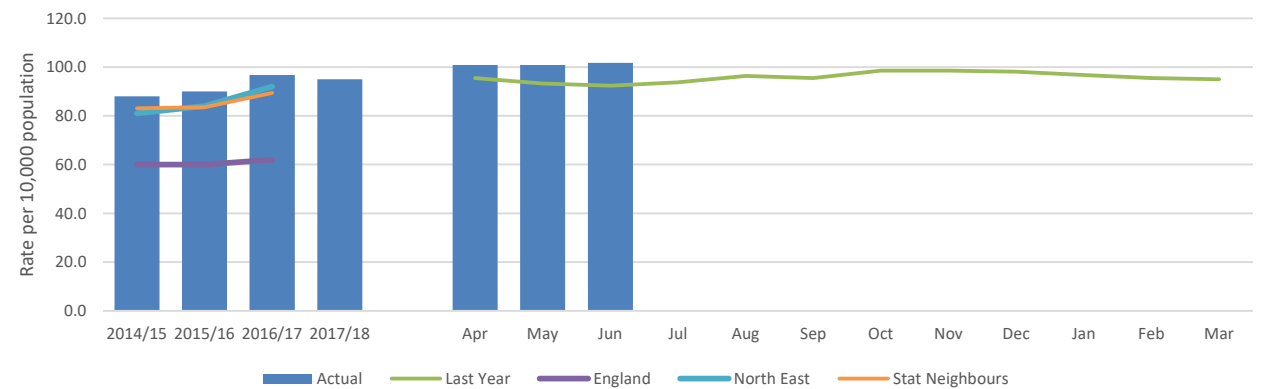
CSC 201	CSC 200
Total number of Looked After Children	Rate of Looked After Children Per 10,000 population

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target		
	Apr-18	227	100.8
	May-18	227	100.8
	Jun-18	229	101.7
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
Mar-19			

CSC 201: Total number of Looked After Children



CSC 200: Rate of Looked After Children Per 10,000 population



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	200	88.0
	2015/16	205	90.0
	2016/17	219	96.8
	2017/18	215	95.0
	2018/19 YTD	229	101.7

LOOKED AFTER - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION

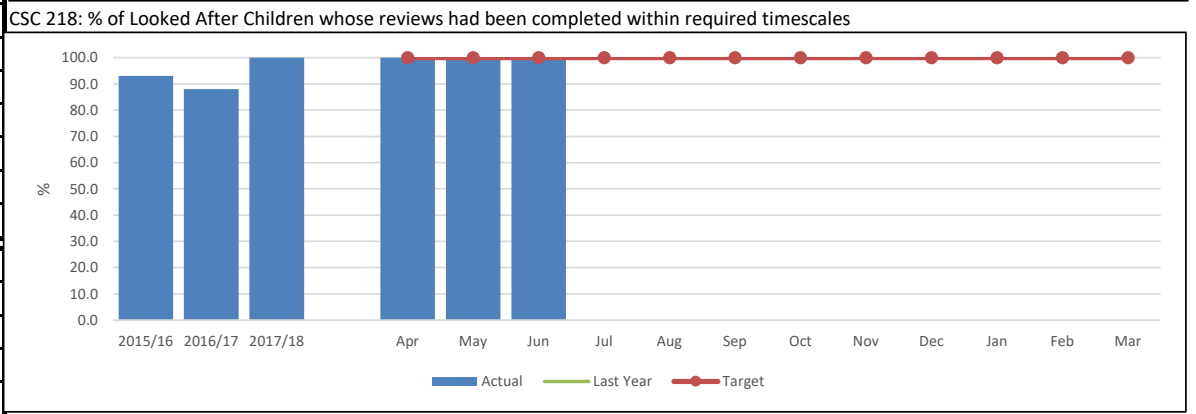
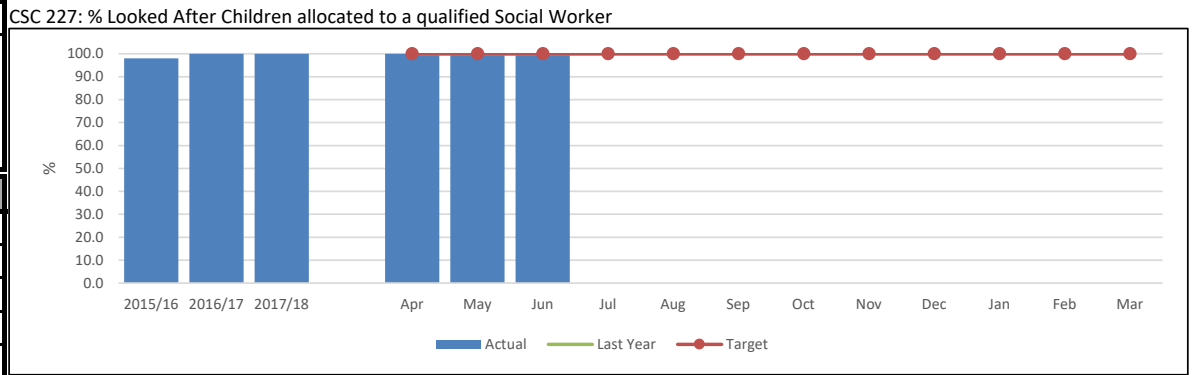
The percentage of Looked After Children cases which should have been reviewed during the year ending 31 March that were reviewed on time during the year and the percentage of Looked After Children cases that were allocated to a qualified social worker at the end of the month.

To improve compliance with local authorities' legal requirements under the Review of Children's cases Regulations 1991. The purpose of the review is to consider the plan for the child's welfare, to monitor the progress of the plan and amend it as necessary in light of changed information and circumstances. The statutory intervals are within 20 working days of placement, then within 3 months and 6 monthly thereafter, but reviews may be rescheduled or held inside these intervals if there are significant changes to the child's care plan.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

100% of Looked After Children were allocated to a qualified Social worker during Quarter 1.
 100% of Looked After reviews had been completed within required timescales during Quarter 1.

		CSC 227	CSC 218
		% Looked After Children allocated to a qualified Social Worker	% of Looked After Children whose reviews had been completed within required timescales
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100.0	100.0
	Apr-18	100.0	100.0
	May-18	100.0	100.0
	Jun-18	100.0	100.0
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
	Mar-19		
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		92.3
	2015/16	98.1	93.1
	2016/17	100.0	88.0
	2017/18	100.0	100.0
	2018/19 YTD	100.0	100.0



LOOKED AFTER - REVIEWS

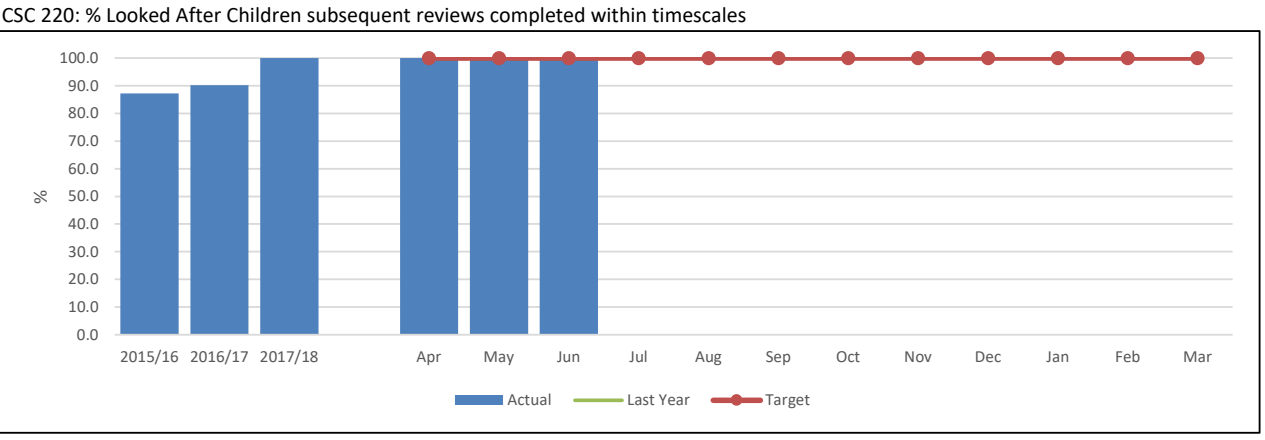
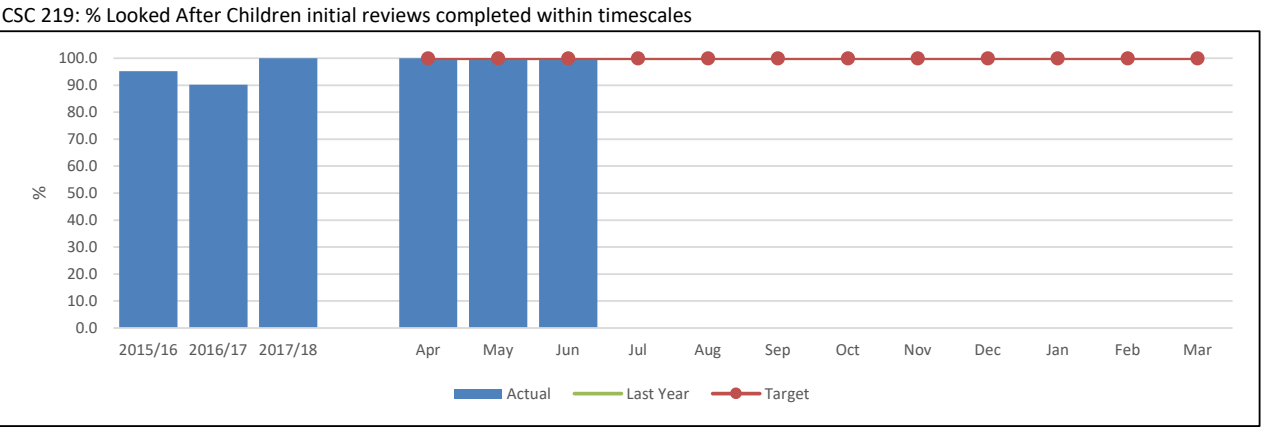
DEFINITION Percentage of the current Looked After Children who had had their initial reviews and all of their subsequent reviews completed within the required timescales.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 100% of Looked After reviews had been completed within required timescales during Quarter 1.

	CSC 219	CSC 220
	% Looked After Children initial reviews completed within timescales	% Looked After Children subsequent reviews completed within timescales

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100.0	100.0
	Apr-18	100.0	100.0
	May-18	100.0	100.0
	Jun-18	100.0	100.0
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
	Mar-19		

ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		
	2015/16	95.2	87.3
	2016/17	90.1	90.2
	2017/18	100.0	100.0
	2018/19 YTD	100.0	100.0

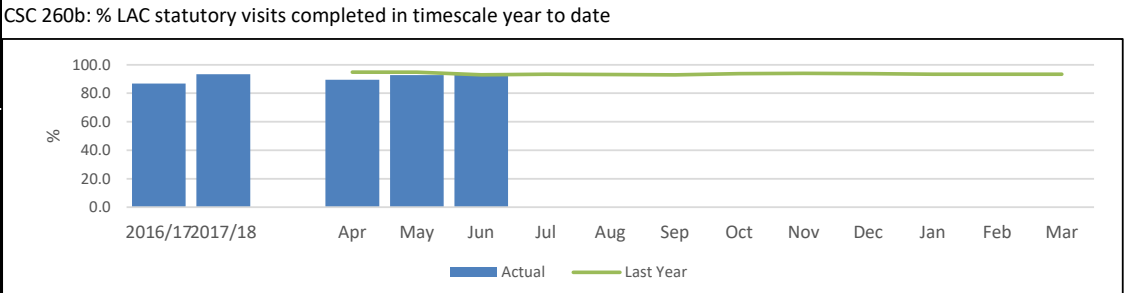
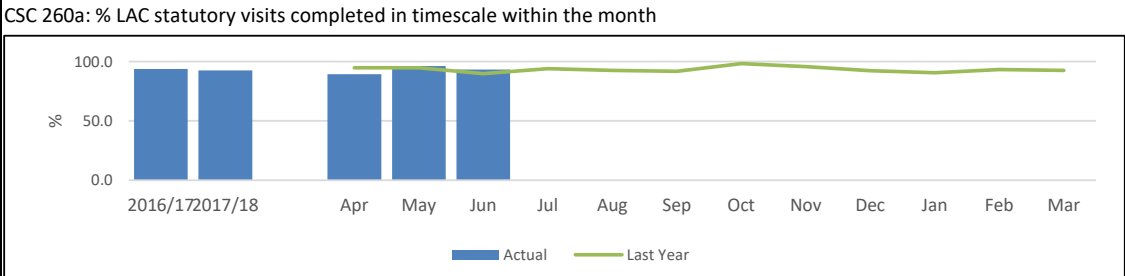
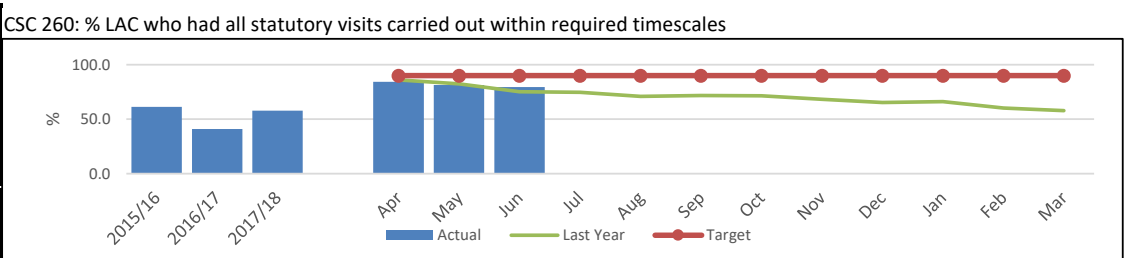


LOOKED AFTER - STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION Percentage of Looked After Children who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales and percentage of Looked After statutory visits completed within timescales each month and year to date.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 93% of statutory Looked After visits were completed within the required timescales in Quarter 1 2018/19 which is consistent with Quarter 1 2017/18 at 93.4%.

		CSC 260	CSC 260a	CSC 260b
		% LAC who had all statutory visits carried out within required timescales	% LAC statutory visits completed in timescale within the month	% LAC statutory visits completed in timescale year to date
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90.0		
	Apr-18	84.2	89.5	89.5
	May-18	81.3	96.1	92.9
	Jun-18	79.4	93.2	93.0
	Jul-18			
	Aug-18			
	Sep-18			
	Oct-18			
	Nov-18			
	Dec-18			
	Jan-19			
	Feb-19			
	Mar-19			
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	65.9		
	2015/16	61.3		
	2016/17	41.0	93.8	86.9
	2017/18	57.8	92.6	93.4
	2018/19 YTD	79.4	93.2	93.0



LOOKED AFTER - PLACEMENTS

DEFINITION

Of those Looked After Children at the point in time (excluding series of short-term placements), the percentage that had 3 or more separate placement in the previous 12 months; who had been in their current placement for 2 or more years. and who were placed more than 20 miles away from their home address.

On the whole stability is associated with better outcomes, placement instability has been highlighted as a key barrier to improving educational outcomes. Proper assessment and an adequate choice of placements to meet the varied needs of different children are essential if appropriate stable placement are to be made. Inappropriate placements often break down and lead to frequent moves. Nevertheless, the circumstances of some individual children will require 3 or more separate placements during a year if they and others are to be kept safe.

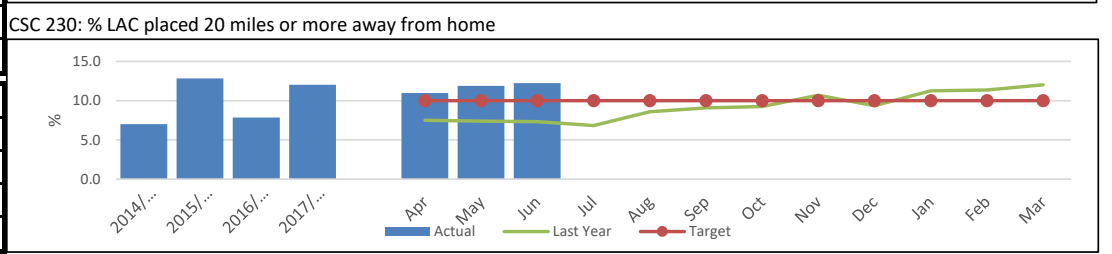
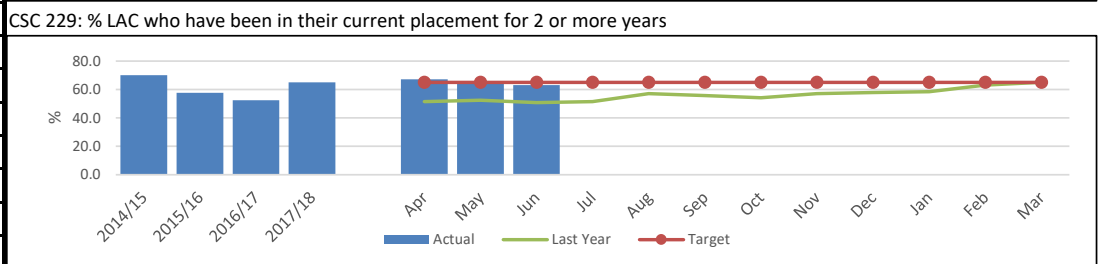
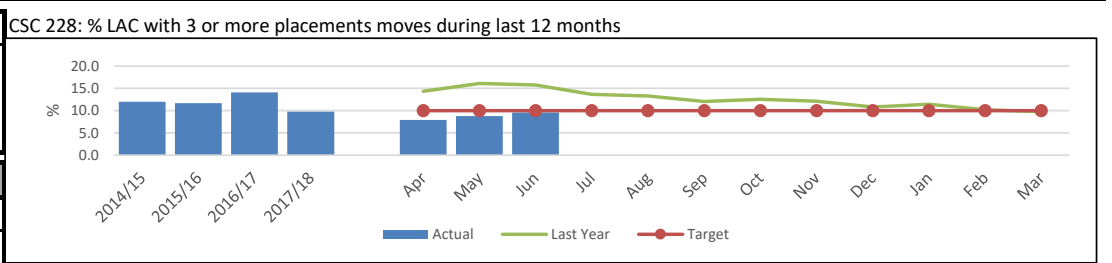
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

9.6% of children in care in Quarter 1 have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is in line with benchmark data for 2016/17 which was for statistical neighbours, 9.5% and national average, 10%.

63.1% of children have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years. This is an improvement of 12.3% from Quarter 1 2017/18 which was 50.8%. Benchmarking data for 2016/17 for statistical neighbours is 72% and nationally 68%.

12.2% of children have been placed 20 or more miles away from home in Quarter 1 2018/19.

	CSC 228	CSC 229	CSC 230
	% LAC with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months	% LAC who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years	% LAC placed 20 miles or more away from home
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE			
Target	10	65	10.00
Apr-18	7.9	67.2	11.0
May-18	8.8	65.6	11.9
Jun-18	9.6	63.1	12.2
Jul-18			
Aug-18			
Sep-18			
Oct-18			
Nov-18			
Dec-18			
Jan-19			
Feb-19			
Mar-19			
ANNUAL TREND			
2014/15	12.0	70.0	7.0
2015/16	11.7	57.8	12.8
2016/17	14.1	52.4	7.8
2017/18	9.8	65.1	12.0
2018/19 YTD	9.6	63.1	12.2



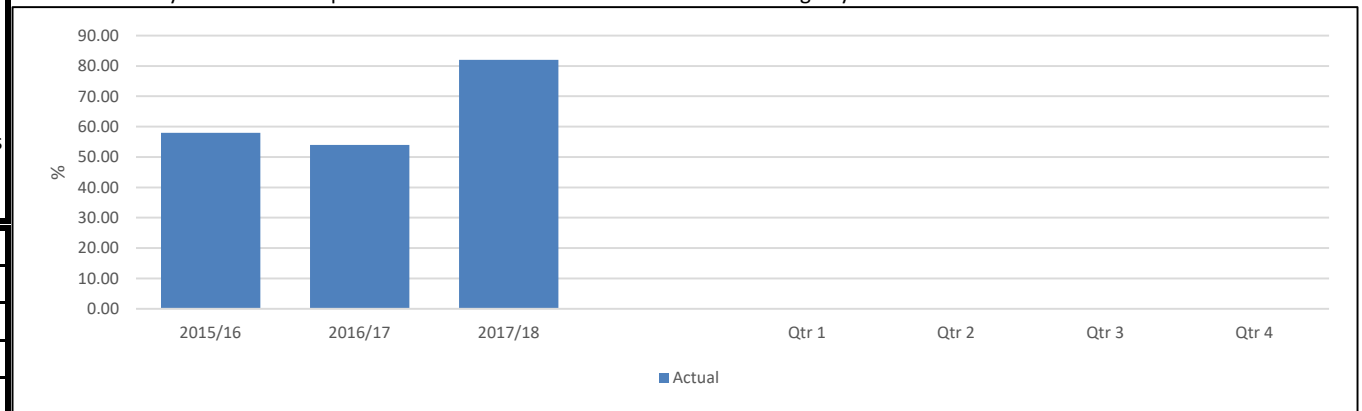
LOOKED AFTER - INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child becoming Looked After year to date, and percentage of IHA forms returned to Health within 7 working days.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS In Quarter 1 2018/19, 100% of IHA forms have been returned to Health within 7 working days.

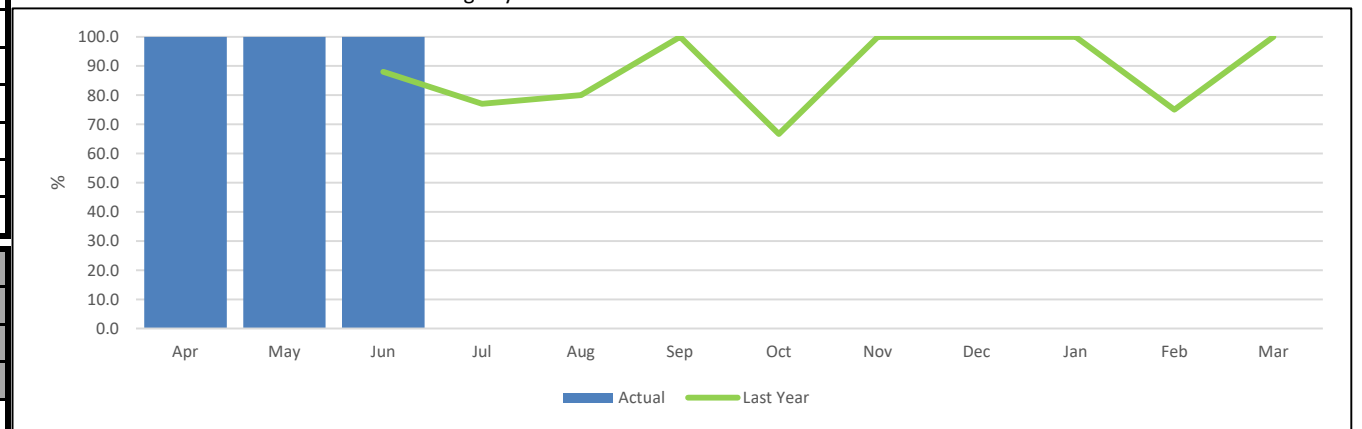
CSC 247	% IHA forms returned to Health within 7 working days
% newly LAC with a completed Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days	

CSC 247: % newly LAC with a completed Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Apr-18		100.0
	May-18		100.0
	Jun-18	N/A	100.0
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
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	Mar-19		

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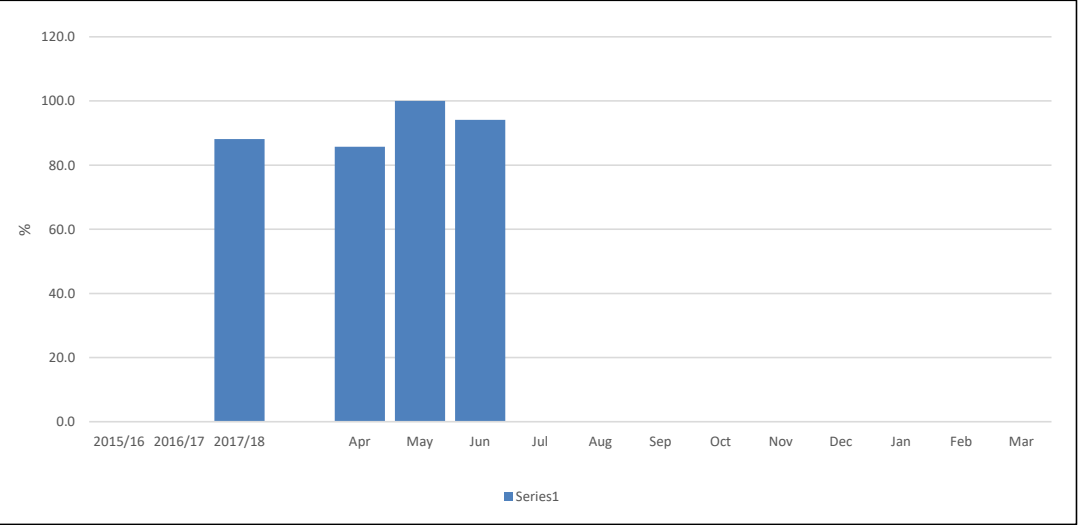
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		
	2015/16	58.0	
	2016/17	54.0	
	2017/18	82.0	
	2018/19 YTD		100.0

DEFINITION	<p>Of the children in care at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who had had their teeth checked by a dentist during the previous 12 months, and the percentage who had had an annual health check during the previous 12 months.</p> <p>Looked After Children share many of the same health risks and problems as their peers, but often to a greater degree. These indicators track the participation of our LAC in health and dental checks as a proxy for monitoring the general health and wellbeing of the children, as well as providing a check on the effectiveness of joint working with Health to secure good health outcomes for LAC.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>32 of 34 review health assessments due, were completed by the end of Quarter 1.</p> <p>19 of 39 dental health check assessments due, were completed by the end of Quarter 1.</p>
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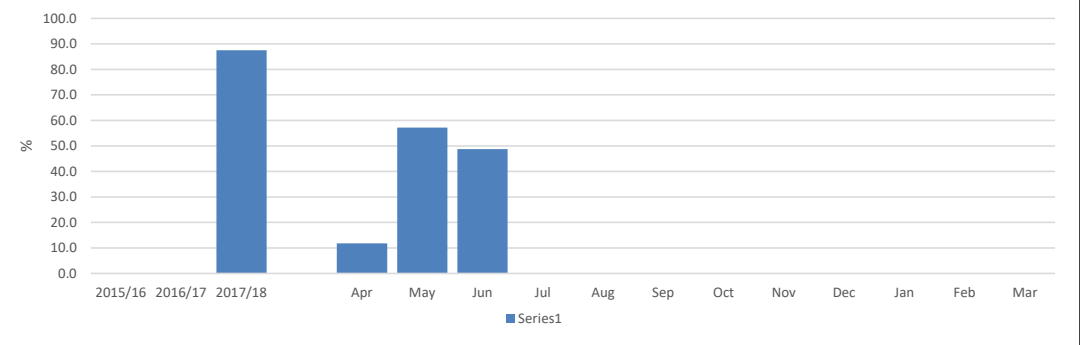
CSC 250b	CSC 251d
The % of children who have been in care (LAC) for at least 12 months and were due a Review Health Assessment between 1st April and the current reporting date, and have had one.	The % of children who have been in care (LAC) for at least 12 months and were due a Dental Check between 1st April and the current reporting date, and have had on

CSC 250b: The % of children who have been in care (LAC) for at least 12 months and were due a Review Health Assessment between 1st April and the current reporting date, and have had one.



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target		
	Apr-18	85.7	11.8
	May-18	100.0	57.1
	Jun-18	94.1	48.7
	Jul-18		
	Aug-18		
	Sep-18		
	Oct-18		
	Nov-18		
	Dec-18		
	Jan-19		
	Feb-19		
Mar-19			

CSC 251d: The % of children who have been in care (LAC) for at least 12 months and were due a Dental Check between 1st April and the current reporting date, and have had on



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	92.6	92.6
	2015/16	57.9	90.2
	2016/17	71.6	75.9
	2017/18	91.3	87.5
	2018/19 YTD	94.1	48.7

LOOKED AFTER - HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

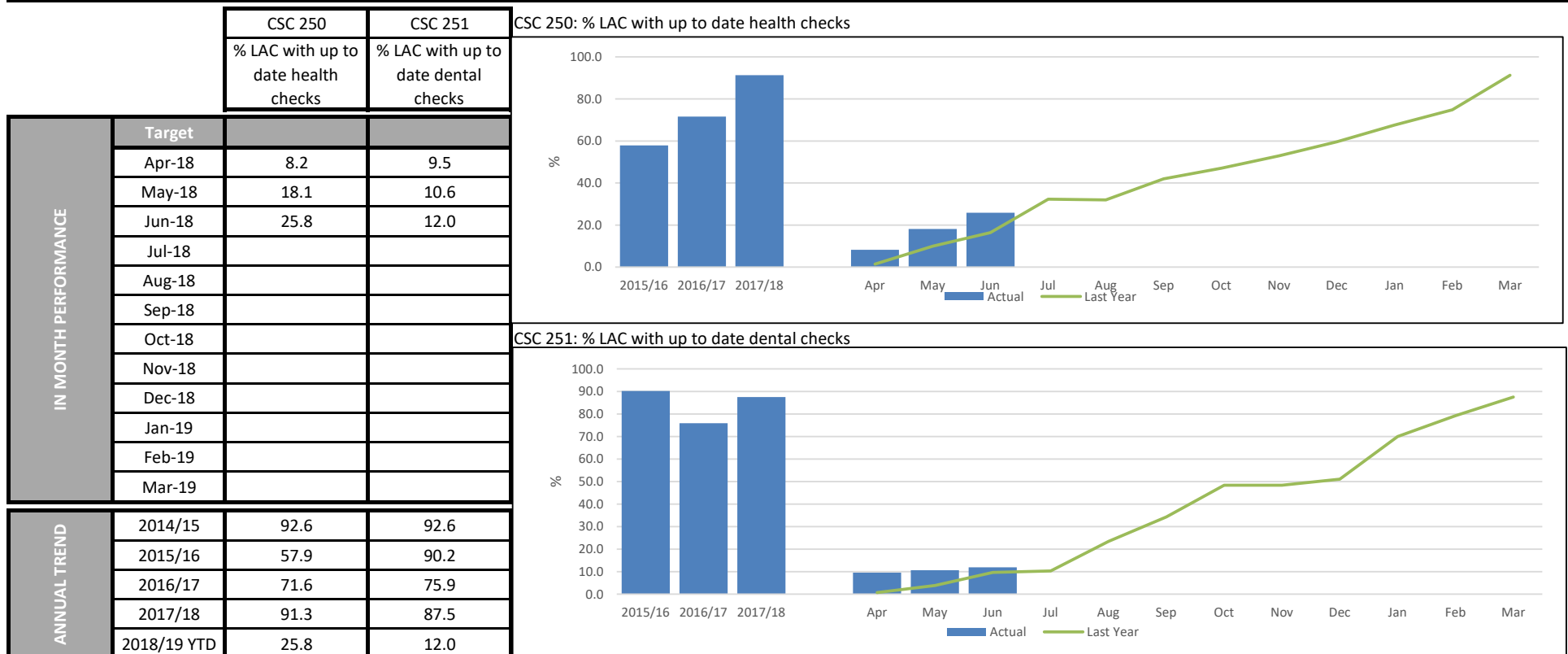
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

25.8%, Looked After Children (LAC) had completed an up to date health check this is on target for Quarter 1.
12%, Looked After Children (LAC) had completed an up to dental check this is 48% lower than target for Quarter 1.



Care Leavers

Quarter 1 Performance Summary

At the end of June, the percentage of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation was 94.1%.

At the end of June, the percentage of Care Leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) was 27.5% (14 Care Leavers aged 19, 20 and 21 out of 51). This positively exceeds the target set at 33.0% and is a reduction of 4.7% of the 2017/18 year end figure.

Of the 14 Care Leavers who are not in education, employment or training:

- 10 were NEET because of illness or disability or pregnancy
- 4 were NEET because of other circumstances
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Focus continues to be maintained on decreasing the percentage of Care Leavers who are NEET. There is a monthly NEET Reduction Group where each young person who falls in this cohort are discussed and plans developed in an effort to re-engage them in education, employment or training. There is also a NEET tracker that is maintained to support this performance.

In addition to the monthly NEET Reduction Group, a weekly Job Club has commenced in May 2018 in conjunction with the Morrison's Trust. The focus of the Job Club is to further engage the NEET population in an effort to re-engage them with education, employment or training.

CARE LEAVERS

DEFINITION

The percentage of former care leavers who are eligible for care leavers support who are under the age of 21 who were in suitable accommodation at their most recent contact, and the percentage who were not in employment, education or training at their most recent contact.

This measures accommodation and employment outcomes for young people formerly in care - a key group at risk of social exclusion. It is intended to increase the proportion of former care leavers who are in suitable accommodation and employment, education or training.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

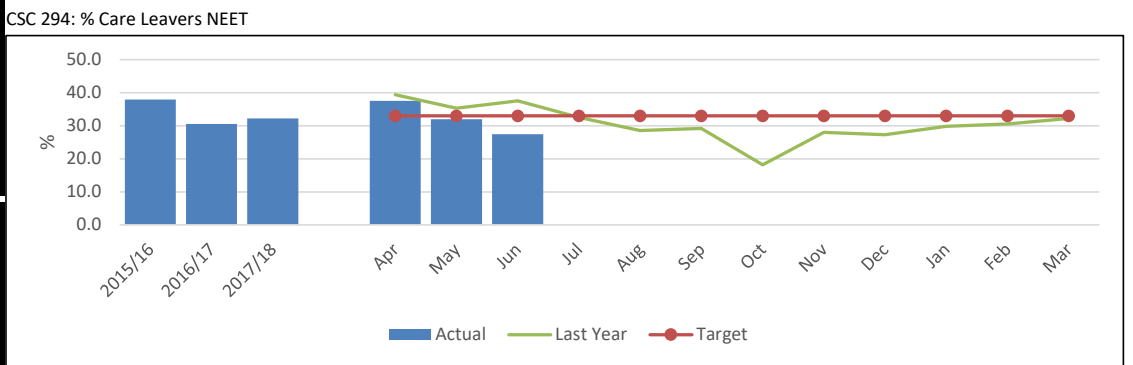
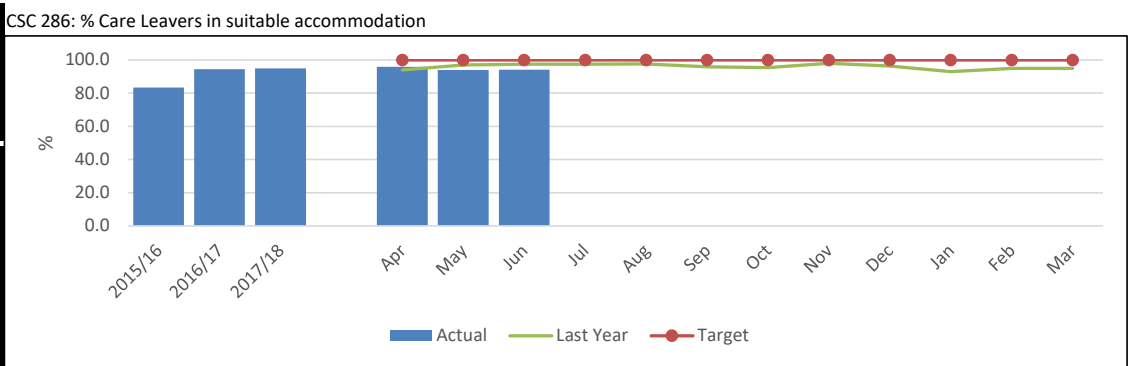
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	CSC 286		CSC 294	
	Target	% Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	Target	% Care Leavers NEET
2014/15				
2015/16		100.0		37.9
2016/17		96.4		30.6
2017/19		94.9		32.2
2018/19 YTD		94.1		27.5



AUDITS

DEFINITION Percentage of audits judged as Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, and Inadequate. Audits are undertaken to assess the quality of Social Work and to highlight areas for improvement.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

In Quarter 1, 63.6% of audits carried out were judged as Meets Good and 36.4% Does not yet meet Good.

In June 2018 the new Learning Audit tool was piloted. Audits were undertaken by Team Managers and Independent Reviewing Officers and Audit ratings have been reformed from Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, Inadequate to Meets Good and Does not yet meet Good.

		Meets Good		Does not yet meet Good	
		Num	%	Num	%
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target				
	Q4 2017/18	7/22	31.8%	15/22	68.2%
	Q1 2018/19	07/11	63.6%	04/11	36.4%
	Q2 2018/19				
	Q3 2017/18				
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18 YTD	46/115	40.0%	69/115	40.0%
	2018/19 YTD	07/11	63.6%	04/11	36.4%